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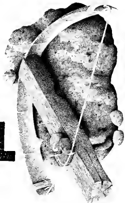

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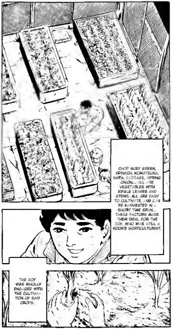
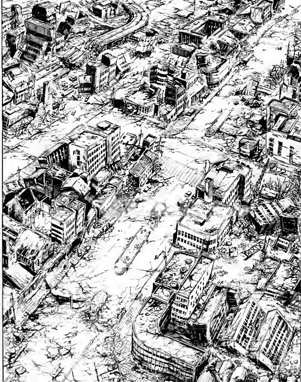
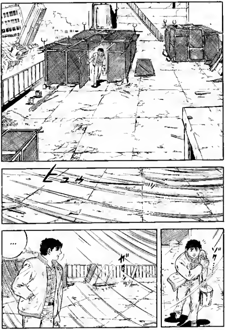

CHOP SUEY GREEN, SPINACH, KOMATSUNA, NAPA CABBAGE, SPRING ONION... ALL ARE VEGETABLES WITH EDIBLE LEAVES AND STEMS, ALL ARE EASY TO CULTIVATE, AND CAN BE HARVESTED IN A SHORT TIME SPAN... THESE FACTORS MADE THEM IDEAL FOR THE BOY, WHO WAS STILL A ROOKIE HORTICULTURIST.
THE BOY WAS WHOLLY ENGAGED WITH THE CULTIVATION OF SAID CROPS.

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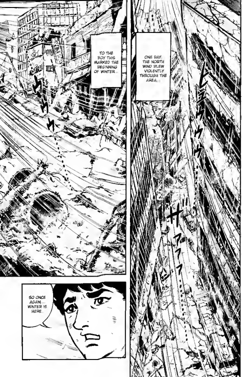
ONE DAY, THE NORTH WIND BLEW VIOLENTLY THROUGH THE AREA...
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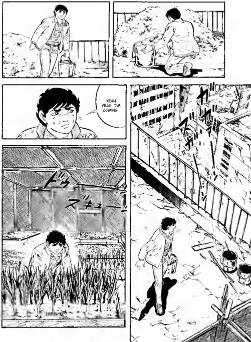
TO THE BOY THIS MARKED THE BEGINNING OF WINTER...
SO ONCE AGAIN WINTER IS HERE...


YEAH YEAH I'M COMING
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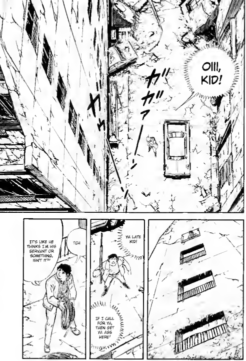
OIII, KID!
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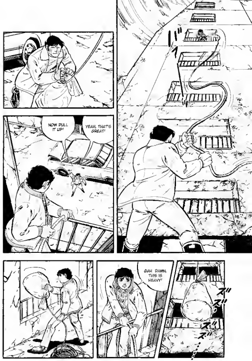
YA LATE KID!
IF I CALL FOR YA, THEN GET YA ASS HERE!
TCH
IT'S LIKE HE THINKS I'M HIS SERVANT OR SOMETHING, ISN'T IT?!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NOW PULL IT UP!
YEAH, THAT'S GREAT!
GAH DAMN, THIS IS HEAVY!
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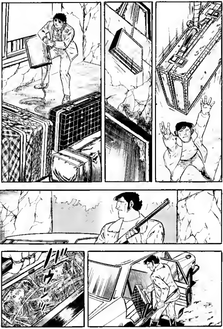
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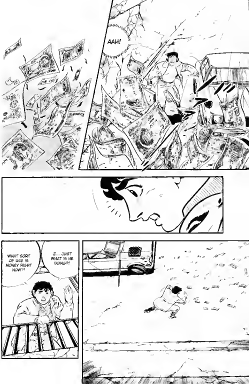
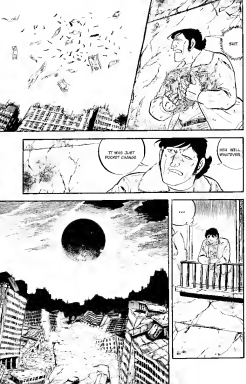

AAH!
J... JUST WHAT IS HE DOING?!
WHAT SORT OF USE IS MONEY RIGHT NOW?!


SHIT
IT WAS JUST POCKET CHANGE
HEH WELL, WHATEVER.
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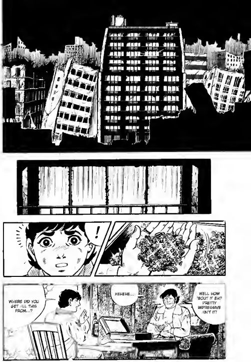
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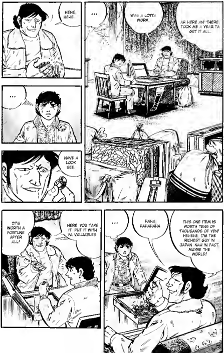
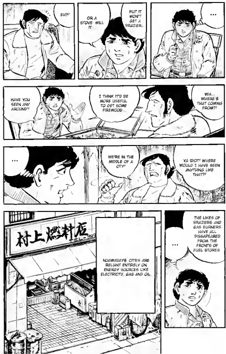
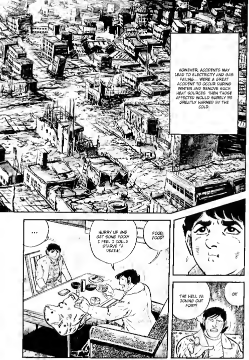
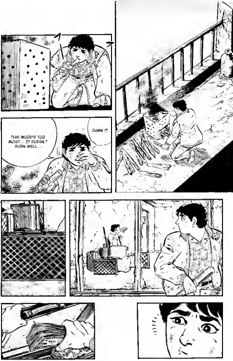
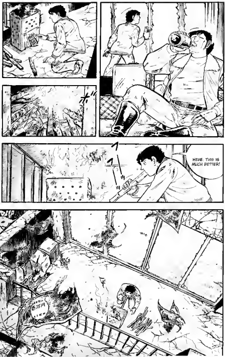
WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THIS FROM...?
HEHEHE...
WELL HOW 'BOUT IT EH? PRETTY IMPRESSIVE AIN'T IT?


HEHE. HEHE
...
HAVE A LOOK SEE.
...
WAS A LOTTA WORK.
AH HERE AN' THERE. TOOK ME A YEAR TA GET IT ALL.
IT'S WORTH A FORTUNE AFTER ALL!
HERE YOU TAKE IT PUT IT WITH YA VALUABLES
...
HAHA. HAHAHAHA
THIS ONE ITEM IS WORTH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEN! HEHEHE. I'M THE RICHEST GUY IN JAPAN NAH IN FACT MAYBE THE WORLD!


...
BUT IT WON'T GET A BRAZIER.
OR A STOVE WILL IT
EH?!
WH... WHERE'S THAT COMING FROM?!
I THINK IT'D BE MORE USEFUL TO GET SOME FIREWOOD...
HAVE YOU SEEN ANY AROUND?
YA IDIOT! WHERE WOULD I HAVE SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT?!
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CITY!
...
THE LIKES OF BRAZIERS AND GAS BURNERS HAVE ALL DISSAPEARED FROM THE FRONTS OF FUEL STORES
...
村上燃料店
NOWADAYS CITIES ARE RELIANT ENTIRELY ON ENERGY SOURCES LIKE ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OIL


HOWEVER, ACCIDENTS MAY LEAD TO ELECTRICITY AND GAS FAILING.... WERE A GREAT ACCIDENT TO OCCUR DURING WINTER AND REMOVE SUCH HEAT SOURCES, THEN THOSE AFFECTED WOULD SURELY BE GREATLY HARMED BY THE COLD.
FOOD FOOD!
HURRY UP AND GET SOME FOOD! I FEEL I COULD STARVE TA DEATH!
...
OI!
THE HELL YA ZONING OUT FOR?!


DAMN IT.
THIS WOOD'S TOO MOIST... IT DOESN'T BURN WELL...


HEHE. THIS IS MUCH BETTER!
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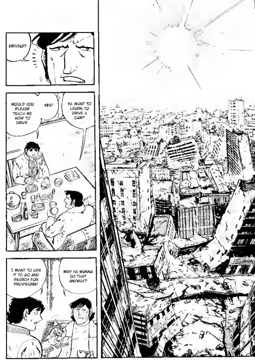
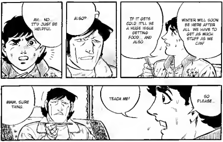
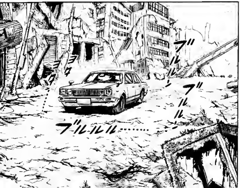

DRIVING?
YA WANT TO LEARN TO DRIVE A CAR?
YES!
WOULD YOU PLEASE TEACH ME HOW TO DRIVE
WHY YA WANNA DO THAT ANYWAY?
I WANT TO USE IT TO GO AND SEARCH FOR PROVISIONS!


WINTER WILL SOON BE HERE AFTER ALL. WE HAVE TO GET AS MUCH STUFF AS WE CAN!
IF IT GETS COLD IT'LL BE A HUGE ISSUE GETTING FOOD... AND ALSO...
ALSO?
AH... NO... IT'D JUST BE HELPFUL...
SO PLEASE...
TEACH ME!
MMM. SURE THING...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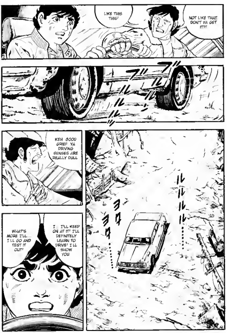
NOT LIKE THAT DON'T YA GET IT?!
LIKE THIS THIS!
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KEH GOOD GRIEF YA DRIVING SENSES ARE REALLY DULL
I... I'LL KEEP ON AT IT! I'LL DEFINITELY LEARN TO DRIVE! I'LL SHOW YOU
WHAT'S MORE I'LL I'LL GO AND TEST IT OUT!

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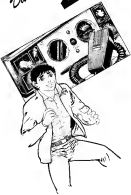
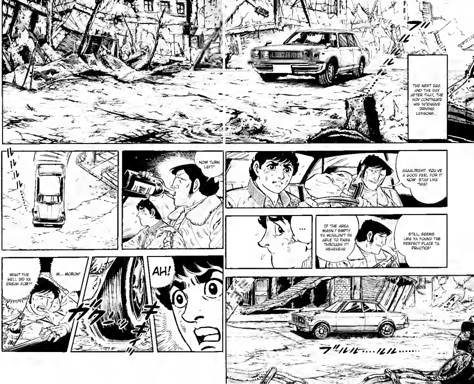
Danger 2

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THE NEXT DAY, AND THE DAY AFTER THAT, THE BOY CONTINUED HIS INTENSIVE DRIVING LESSONS...
AAAALRIGHT. YOU'VE A GOOD FEEL FOR IT NOW. STAY LIKE THIS!
STILL, SEEMS LIKE YA FOUND THE PERFECT PLACE TA PRACTICE!
IF THE AREA WASN'T EMPTY YA WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PASS THROUGH IT! HEHEHEHE
...
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NOW TURN LEFT!
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AH!
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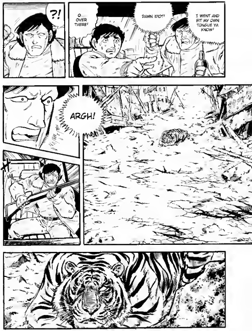
M... MORON!
WHAT THE HELL DID YA BREAK FOR?!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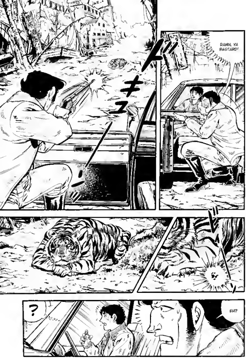
O...
OVER
THERE!
DAMN IDIOT!
I WENT AND BIT MY OWN TONGUE YA KNOW!
ARGH!


DAMN, YA BASTARD!
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EH?
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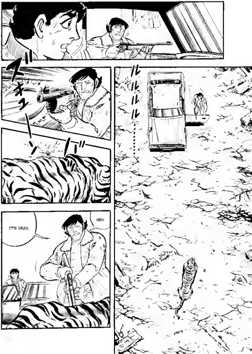
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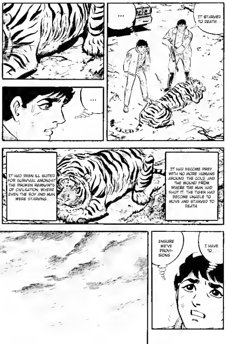
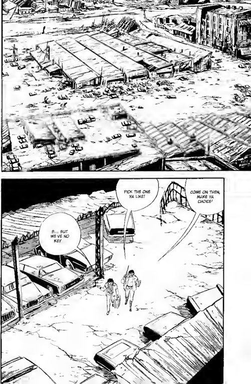
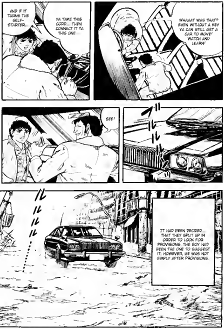
HEH
IT'S DEAD.


IT STARVED TO DEATH
...
...
IT HAD BECOME PREY WITH NO MORE HUMANS AROUND. THE COLD, AND THE WOUND FROM WHERE THE MAN HAD SHOT IT. THE TIGER HAD BECOME UNABLE TO MOVE AND STARVED TO DEATH
IT HAD BEEN ILL SUITED FOR SURVIVAL AMONGST THE BROKEN REMNANTS OF CIVILIZATION, WHERE EVEN THE BOY AND MAN WERE STARVING.
I HAVE TO...
ENSURE WE'VE PROVISIONS


COME ON THEN, MAKE YA CHOICE!
PICK THE ONE YA LIKE!
B... BUT WE'VE NO KEY.


YA TAKE THIS CORD... THEN CONNECT IT TA THIS ONE...
AND IF IT TURNS THE SELF-STARTER...
WHAAAT WAS THAT? EVEN WITHOUT A KEY YA CAN STILL GET A CAR TO MOVE! WATCH AND LEARN!
SEE!
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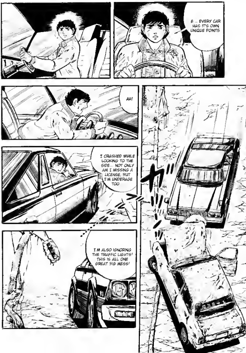
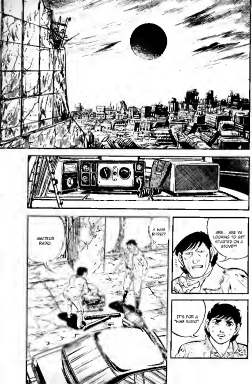
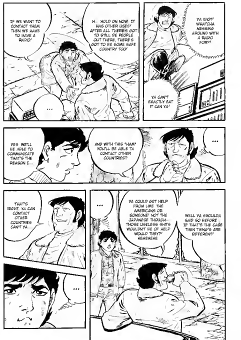
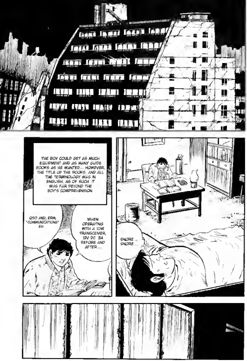
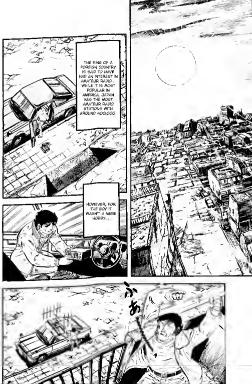
IT HAD BEEN DECIDED... THAT THEY SPLIT UP IN ORDER TO LOOK FOR PROVISIONS. THE BOY HAD BEEN THE ONE TO SUGGEST IT. HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT SIMPLY AFTER PROVISIONS.


E ... EVERY CAR HAS IT'S OWN UNIQUE POINTS
AH!
I CRASHED WHILE LOOKING TO THE SIDE... NOT ONLY AM I MISSING A LICENSE, BUT I'M UNDERAGE TOO
I'M ALSO IGNORING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS! THIS IS ALL ONE GREAT BIG MESS!


AMATEUR RADIO.
A HAM RADIO?
ARE... ARE YA LOOKING TO GET STARTED ON A STOVE?!
IT'S FOR A "HAM RADIO"


IF WE WANT TO CONTACT THEM THEN WE HAVE TO HAVE A RADIO!
...
H... HOLD ON NOW. IT HAS OTHER USES! AFTER ALL THERE'S GOT TO STILL BE PEOPLE OUT THERE, THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME SAFE COUNTRY TOO!
YA IDIOT! WHATCHA MESSING AROUND WITH A RADIO FOR?!
YA CAN'T EXACTLY EAT IT CAN YA!
YES WE'LL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THAT'S THE REASON I...
AND WITH THIS "HAM" YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CONTACT OTHER COUNTRIES?
...
THAT'S RIGHT. YA CAN CONTACT OTHER COUNTRIES CAN'T YA
...
...
YA COULD GET HELP FROM LIKE THE AMERICANS OR SOMEONE! NOT THE JAPANESE THOUGH THOSE USELESS SHITS WOULDN'T BE OF HELP WOULD THEY?! HEHEHEHE
WELL YA SHOULDA SAID SO BEFORE IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN THING'S ARE DIFFERENT!


THE BOY COULD GET AS MUCH EQUIPMENT AND AS MANY GUIDE BOOKS AS HE WANTED... HOWEVER, THE TITLE OF THE BOOKS AND ALL THE TERMINOLOGY WAS IN ENGLISH, AS OF SUCH IT WAS FAR BEYOND THE BOY'S COMPREHENSION
WHEN OPERATING WITH A 10W TRANSCEIVER, 12V DC 3A BEFORE AND AFTER...
QSO AND ERM, 'COMMUNICATIONS' EH
SNORE SNORE


THE KING OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY IS SAID TO HAVE HAD AN INTEREST IN AMATEUR RADIO... WHILE IT IS MOST POPULAR IN AMERICA, JAPAN HAS THE MOST AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS WITH AROUND 400,000
HOWEVER, FOR THE BOY IT WASN'T A MERE HOBBY...
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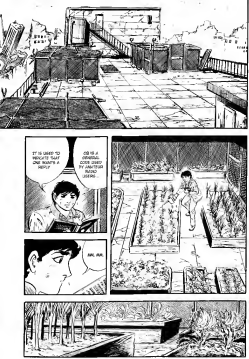
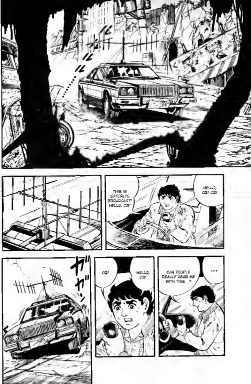

CQ IS A GENERAL CODE USED BY AMATEUR RADIO USERS...
IT IS USED TO INDICATE THAT ONE WANTS A REPLY
MM, MM.


HELLO, CQ! CQ!
THIS IS SATORU'S BROADCAST! HELLO, CQ!
...
CAN PEOPLE REALLY HEAR ME WITH THIS ?
HELLO, CQ!
CQ!
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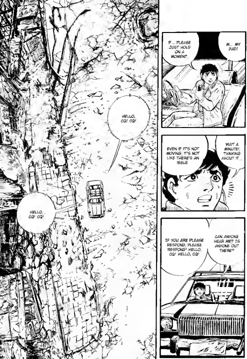
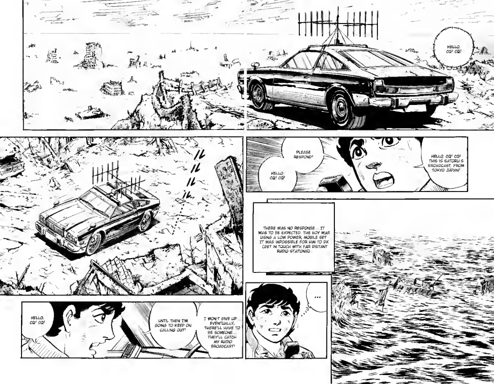

M... MY BAD!
P... PLEASE JUST HOLD ON A MOMENT
WAIT A MINUTE! THINKING ABOUT IT...
EVEN IF IT'S NOT MOVING, IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S AN ISSUE
CAN ANYONE HEAR ME? IS ANYONE OUT THERE?
IF YOU ARE PLEASE RESPOND. PLEASE RESPOND! HELLO, CQ! HELLO, CQ!
HELLO, CQ! CQ!
HELLO CQ! CQ!


HELLO CQ! CQ!
HELLO CQ! CQ! THIS IS SATORU'S BROADCAST FROM TOKYO JAPAN!
PLEASE RESPOND!
HELLO CQ! CQ!
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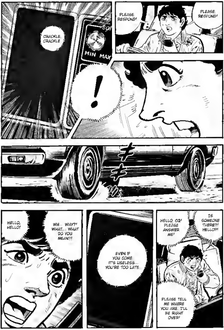
THERE WAS NO RESPONSE... IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED. THE BOY WAS USING A LOW POWER, MOBILE SET. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DX (GET IN TOUCH WITH FAR DISTANT RADIO STATIONS).
...
I WON'T GIVE UP... EVENTUALLY, THERE'LL HAVE TO BE SOMEONE... THEY'LL CATCH MY RADIO BROADCAST!
UNTIL THEN I'M GOING TO KEEP ON CALLING OUT!
HELLO CQ! CQ!


PLEASE RESPOND!
PLEASE RESPOND!
CRACKLE CRACKLE
MIN MAX
!
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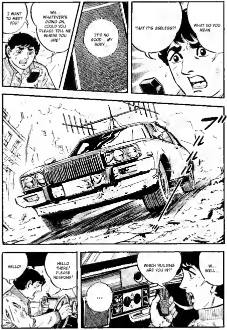
IS SOMEONE THERE?! HELLO?!
HELLO CQ! PLEASE ANSWER ME!
PLEASE TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE. I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!
EVEN IF YOU COME IT'S USELESS... YOU'RE TOO LATE.
WH... WHY?! WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
HELLO, HELLO!


I WANT TO MEET YOU!
WH... WHATEVER'S GOING ON, COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE!
IT'S NO GOOD... MY BODY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN
THAT IT'S USELESS?!
HELLO THERE! PLEASE RESPOND!
HELLO!
W... WELL...
WHICH BUILDING ARE YOU IN?!
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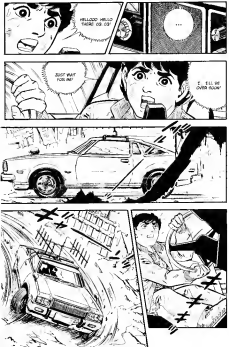
HELLOOO HELLO THERE CQ CQ!
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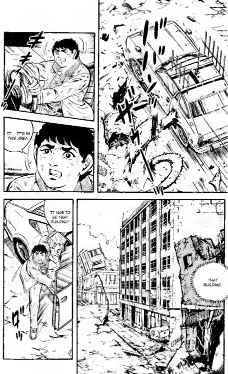
JUST WAIT FOR ME!
I ILL BE OVER SOON!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IT... IT'S IN THIS AREA
IT HAS TO BE THAT BUILDING!
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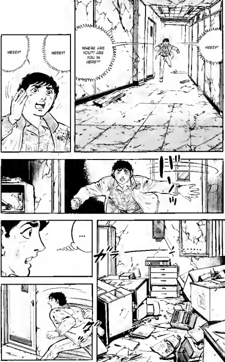
THAT BUILDING.


HEEEY!
WHERE ARE YOU?! ARE YOU IN HERE?!
HEEEY!
HEEEY!
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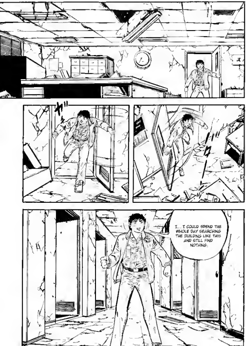
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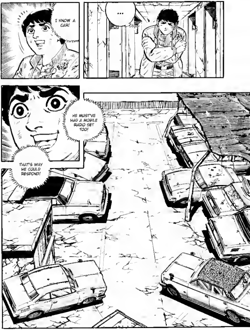
I... I COULD SPEND THE WHOLE DAY SEARCHING THE BUILDING LIKE THIS AND STILL FIND NOTHING.


I KNOW A CAR!
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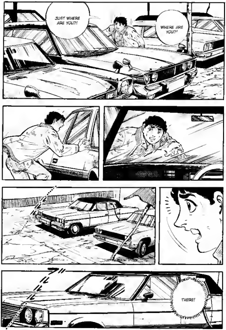
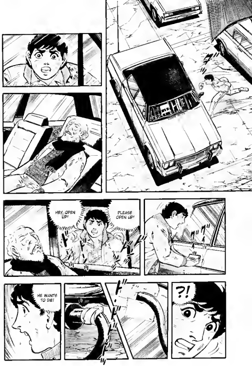
HE MUST'VE HAD A MOBILE RADIO SET TOO!
THAT'S WHY HE COULD RESPOND!


WHERE ARE YOU?!
JUST WHERE ARE YOU?!
THERE!


HEY, OPEN UP!
PLEASE OPEN UP!
HE WANTS TO DIE!
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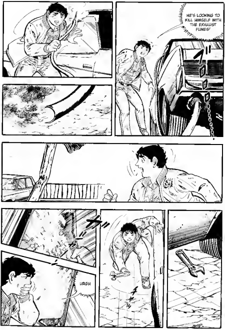
HE'S LOOKING TO KILL HIMSELF WITH THE EXHAUST FUMES!
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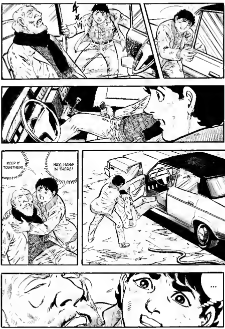
URGH


HEY, HANG IN THERE!
KEEP IT TOGETHER!
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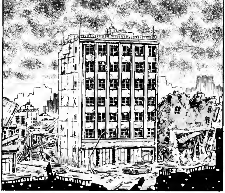
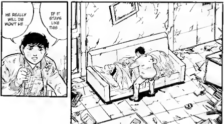
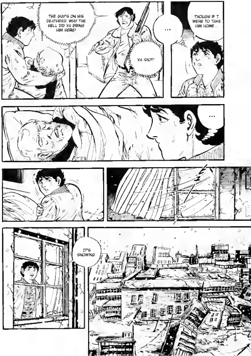
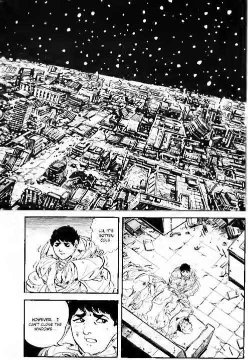
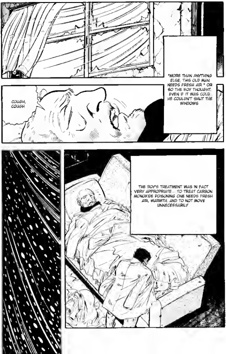
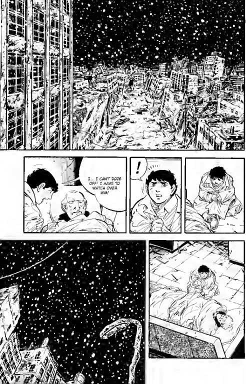



IF IT STAYS LIKE THIS...
HE REALLY WILL DIE WON'T HE


THE GUY'S ON HIS DEATHBED! WHY THE HELL DID YA BRING HIM HERE!
YA IDIOT!
...
THOUGH IF I WERE TO TAKE HIM HOME
...
IT'S SNOWING


UH, IT'S GOTTEN COLD
HOWEVER. I CAN'T CLOSE THE WINDOWS ...


"MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THIS OLD MAN NEEDS FRESH AIR." OR SO THE BOY THOUGHT. EVEN IF IT WAS COLD, HE COULDN'T SHUT THE WINDOWS
COUGH, COUGH
THE BOY'S TREATMENT WAS IN FACT VERY APPROPRIATE... TO TREAT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING ONE NEEDS FRESH AIR, WARMTH, AND TO NOT MOVE UNNECESSARILY


I... I CAN'T DOZE OFF! I HAVE TO WATCH OVER HIM!
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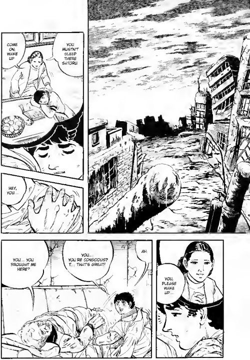
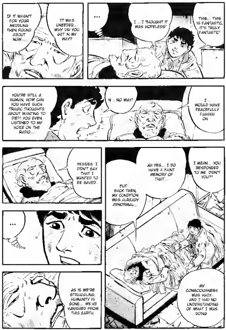
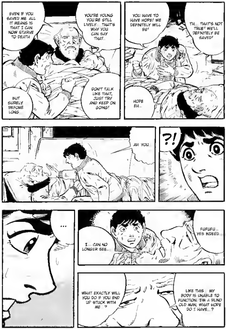

COME ON WAKE UP
YOU MUSTN'T SLEEP THERE SATORU!
HEY, YOU...
YOU... YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?
YOU... YOU'RE CONSCIOUS? T... THAT'S GREAT!
AH
YOU, PLEASE WAKE UP...


THIS... THIS IS FANTASTIC, IT'S TRULY FANTASTIC!
I... I THOUGHT IT WAS HOPELESS!
...
IT WAS UNEEDED... WHY DID YOU GET IN MY WAY?
IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUR MEDDLING THEN ROUND ABOUT NOW...
I... WOULD HAVE PEACEFULLY PASSED ON
N... NO WAY!
YOU'RE STILL A HUMAN, HOW CAN YOU HAVE SUCH TRAGIC THOUGHTS ABOUT WANTING TO DIE?! YOU EVEN LISTENED TO MY VOICE ON THE RADIO
I MEAN... YOU RESPONDED TO ME, DIDN'T YOU?!
AH YES... I DO HAVE A FAINT MEMORY OF THAT...
BUT BACK THEN, MY CONDITION WAS ALREADY ABNORMAL...
MY CONSCIOUSNESS WAS HAZY AND I HAD NO UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT I WAS DOING
BESIDES, I DIDN'T SAY THAT I WANTED TO BE SAVED...
...
AS IS WE'RE STRUGGLING. HUMANITY IS GONE... WE'VE VANISHED FROM THIS EARTH.


EVEN IF YOU SAVED ME, ALL IT MEANS IS THAT I CAN NOW STARVE TO DEATH
BUT SURELY BEFORE LONG
YOU'RE YOUNG. YOU'RE STILL LIVELY... THAT'S WHY YOU CAN SAY THAT...
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, JUST TRY AND KEEP ON GOING!
TH... THAT'S NOT TRUE! WE'LL DEFINITELY BE SAVED!
YOU HAVE TO HAVE HOPE! WE DEFINITELY WILL BE!
HOPE EH...
AH YOU
?!
...
I... CAN NO LONGER SEE...
FUFUFU... YES INDEED
LIKE THIS... MY BODY IS UNABLE TO FUNCTION. I'M A BLIND OLD MAN. WHAT HOPE DO I HAVE...?
WHAT EXACTLY WILL YOU DO IF YOU END UP STUCK WITH ME?

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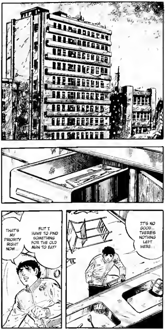
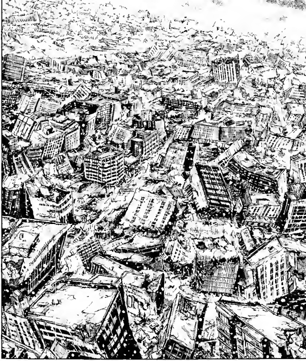
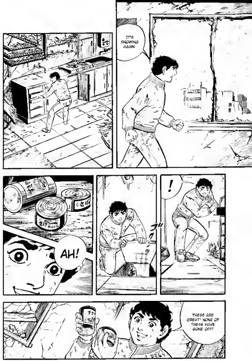

IT'S NO GOOD... THERE'S NOTHING LEFT HERE...
BUT I HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING FOR THE OLD MAN TO EAT!
THAT'S MY PRIORITY RIGHT NOW...




IT'S SNOWING AGAIN
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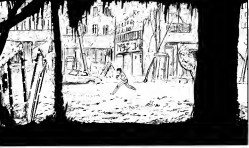
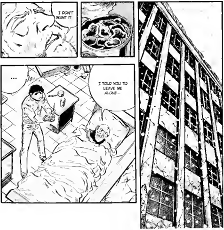
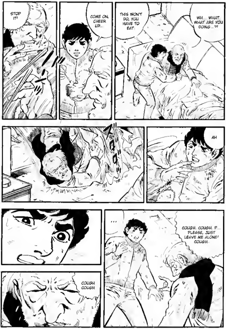
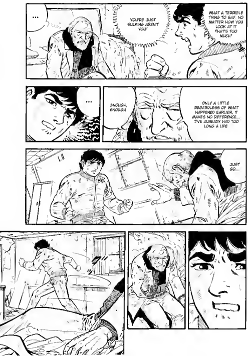
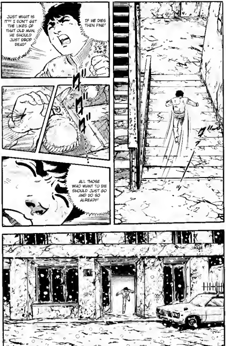
AH!
THESE ARE GREAT! NONE OF THESE HAVE GONE OFF!

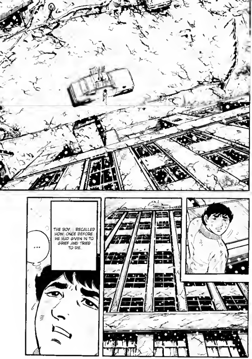



I DON'T WANT IT
...
I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE ME ALONE...


WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?!
THIS WON'T DO, YOU HAVE TO EAT.
COME ON, CHEER UP...
STOP IT!
AH
COUGH, COUGH. P-PLEASE, JUST LEAVE ME ALONE! COUGH
...
COUGH COUGH


WHAT A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY. NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT THAT'S TOO MUCH!
YOU'RE JUST SULKING AREN'T YOU!
...
ONLY A LITTLE REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE... I'VE ALREADY HAD TOO LONG A LIFE
ENOUGH, ENOUGH
...
JUST GO...


JUST WHAT IS IT?! I DON'T GET THE LIKES OF THAT OLD MAN. HE SHOULD JUST DROP DEAD!
IF HE DIES THEN FINE!
ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO DIE SHOULD JUST GO AND DO SO ALREADY!


THE BOY RECALLED HOW ONCE BEFORE HE HAD GIVEN IN TO GRIEF AND TRIED TO DIE.
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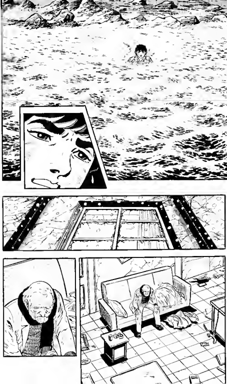

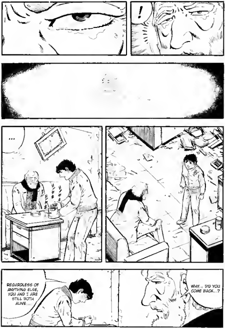
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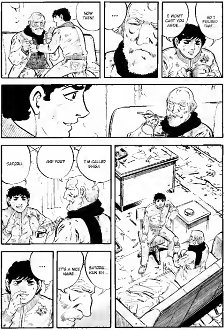
WHY... DID YOU COME BACK...?
REGARDLESS OF ANYTHING ELSE, YOU AND I ARE STILL BOTH ALIVE...


SO I FIGURED THAT...
I WON'T CAST YOU ASIDE.
...
NOW THEN!
I'M CALLED SHIGA
AND YOU?
SATORU.
SATORU-KUN EH...
IT'S A NICE NAME.
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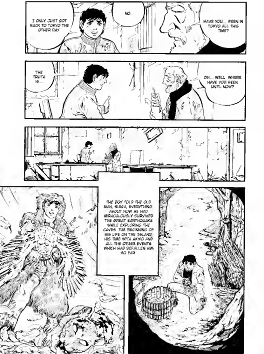
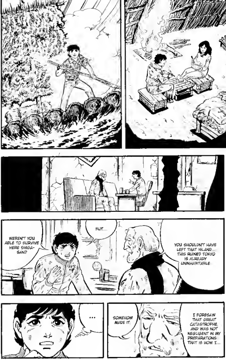
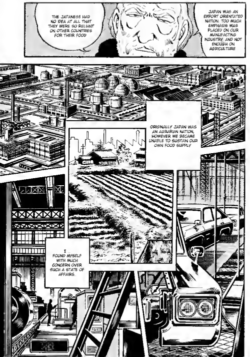
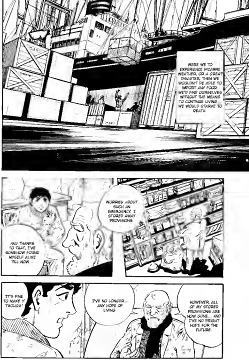
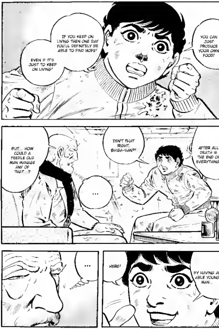

HAVE YOU... BEEN IN TOKYO ALL THIS TIME?
NO.
I ONLY JUST GOT BACK TO TOKYO THE OTHER DAY
OH... WELL. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN UNTIL NOW?
THE TRUTH IS...
THE BOY TOLD THE OLD MAN, SHIGA, EVERYTHING ABOUT HOW HE HAD MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE WHILE EXPLORING THE CAVES, THE BEGINNING OF HIS LIFE ON THE ISLAND, HIS TIME WITH AKIKO AND ALL THE OTHER EVENTS WHICH HAD BEFALLEN HIM SO FAR.


YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THAT ISLAND... THIS RUINED TOKYO IS ALREADY UNINHABITABLE
BUT...
WEREN'T YOU ABLE TO SURVIVE HERE SHIGA-SAN?
I FORESAW THAT GREAT CATASTROPHE AND WAS NOT NEGLIGENT IN MY PREPARATIONS. THAT IS HOW I...
SOMEHOW MADE IT.
...


JAPAN WAS AN EXPORT ORIENTATED NATION. TOO MUCH EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON OUR MANUFACTING INDUSTRY AND NOT ENOUGH ON AGRICULTURE
THE JAPANESE HAD NO IDEA AT ALL THAT THEY WERE SO RELIANT ON OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THEIR FOOD
ORIGINALLY JAPAN WAS AN AGRARIAN NATION, HOWEVER WE BECAME UNABLE TO SUSTAIN OUR OWN FOOD SUPPLY
I FOUND MYSELF WITH MUCH CONCERN OVER SUCH A STATE OF AFFAIRS.


WERE WE TO EXPERIENCE BIZARRE WEATHER, OR A GREAT DISASTER, THEN WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO IMPORT ANY FOOD. WE'D FIND OURSELVES WITHOUT THE MEANS TO CONTINUE LIVING. WE WOULD STARVE TO DEATH
WORRIED ABOUT SUCH AN EMERGENCY, I STORED AWAY PROVISIONS
AND THANKS TO THAT, I'VE SOMEHOW FOUND MYSELF ALIVE TILL NOW...
HOWEVER, ALL OF MY STORED PROVISIONS ARE NOW GONE... AND I'VE NO BRIGHT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.
I'VE NO LONGER... ANY HOPE OF LIVING
IT'S FINE TO MAKE IT THOUGH!


YOU CAN JUST PRODUCE YOUR OWN FOOD!
IF YOU KEEP ON LIVING THEN ONE DAY YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO FIND HOPE!
EVEN IF IT'S JUST TO KEEP ON LIVING!
AFTER ALL DEATH IS THE END OF EVERYTHING!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SHIGA-SAN?!
...
BUT... HOW COULD A FEEBLE OLD MAN MANAGE ANY OF THAT...?
BY HAVING AN ABLE YOUNG MAN...
HERE!
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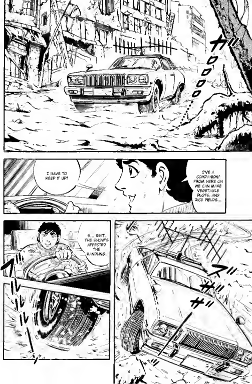
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I'VE A COMPANION! FROM HERE ON WE CAN MAKE VEGETABLE PLOTS, AND RICE FIELDS...
I HAVE TO KEEP IT UP!
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S... SHIT. THE SNOW'S AFFECTED THE HANDLING.
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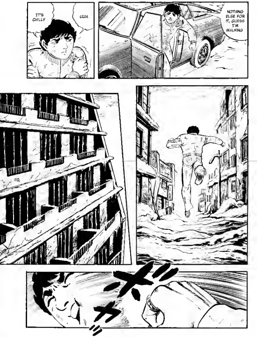
NOTHING ELSE FOR IT, GUESS I'M WALKING
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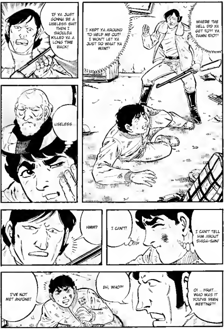
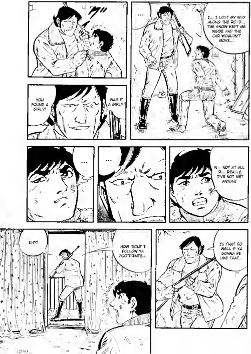
IT'S CHILLY


WHERE THE HELL DID YA GET TO?! YA DAMN IDIOT!
I KEPT YA AROUND TO HELP ME OUT! I WON'T LET YA JUST DO WHAT YA WANT!
IF YA JUST GONNA BE A USELESS SHIT THEN I SHOULDA KILLED YA A LONG TIME BACK!
USELESS
I CAN'T TELL HIM ABOUT SHIGA-SAN!
I CAN'T!
HMM?
OI ... BRAT ... WHO WAS IT YOU'VE BEEN MEETING?!
EH, WHO?!
I'VE NOT MET ANYONE!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...
I... I LOST MY WAY ALONG THE ROAD... THE SNOW KEPT ME INSIDE AND THE CAR WOULDN'T MOVE...
YOU FOUND A GIRL?!
WAS IT A GIRL?!
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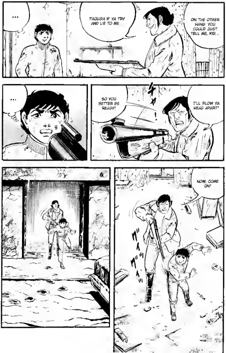
...
N... NOT AT ALL R... REALLY, I'VE NOT MET ANYONE
EH?!
HOW 'BOUT I FOLLOW YA FOOTPRINTS...
IS THAT SO WELL IF YA GONNA BE LIKE THAT...


ON THE OTHER HAND YOU COULD JUST TELL ME, KID...
THOUGH IF YA TRY AND LIE TO ME
...
I'LL BLOW YA HEAD APART!
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SO YOU BETTER BE READY!
...
NOW, COME ON!
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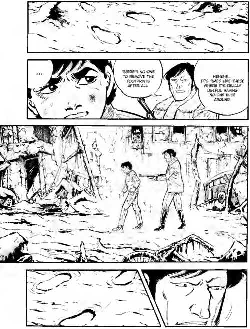
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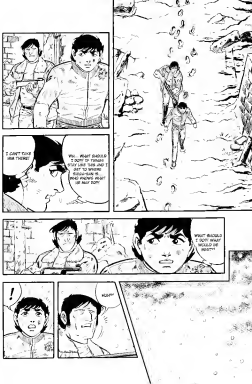
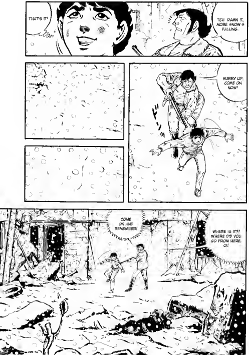
THERE'S NO-ONE TO REMOVE THE FOOTPRINTS AFTER ALL
HEHEHE... IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE WHERE IT'S REALLY USEFUL HAVING NO-ONE ELSE AROUND.


WH... WHAT SHOULD I DO?! IF THINGS STAY LIKE THIS AND I GET TO WHERE SHIGA-SAN IS WHO KNOWS WHAT HE MAY DO?!
I CAN'T TAKE HIM THERE!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?! WHAT WOULD BE BEST?!
!
HUH?!


THAT'S IT!
TCH DAMN IT, MORE SNOW'S FALLING.
HURRY UP COME ON NOW!
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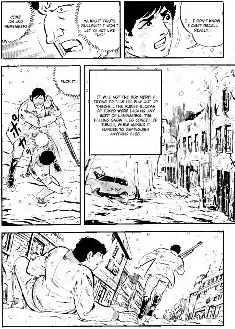
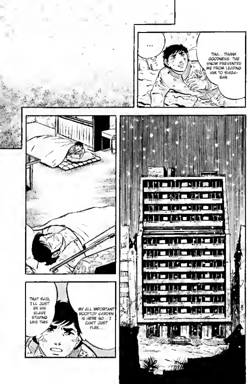
COME ON AND REMEMBER!
WHERE IS IT?! WHERE DID YOU GO FROM HERE, OI!


COME ON AND REMEMBER!
YA IDIOT! THAT'S BULLSHIT! I WON'T LET YA ACT LIKE THIS!
I... I DON'T KNOW. I CAN'T RECALL, REALLY.
FUCK IT.
IT WAS NOT THE BOY MERELY TRYING TO TALK HIS WAY OUT OF THINGS... THE RUINED BLOCKS OF TOKYO WERE LACKING ANY SORT OF LANDMARKS. THE FALLING SNOW ALSO CONCEALED THINGS, WHILE MAKING IT HARDER TO DISTINGUISH ANYTHING ELSE.


THA... THANK GOODNESS THE SNOW PREVENTED ME FROM LEADING HIM TO SHIGA-SAN.
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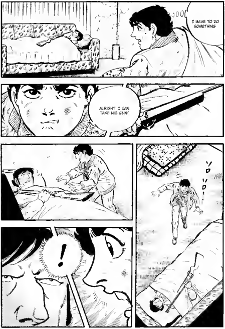
MY ALL IMPORTANT ROOFTOP GARDEN IS HERE SO I CAN'T JUST FLEE...
THAT SAID, I'LL JUST BE HIS SLAVE STAYING LIKE THIS


I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
ALRIGHT. I CAN TAKE HIS GUN!
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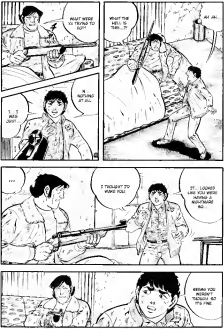
AH AH...
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...?!
WHAT WERE YA TRYING TO DO?!
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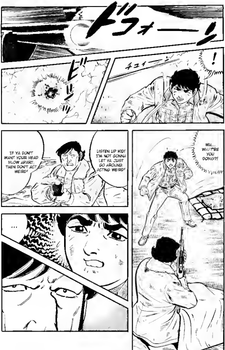
N... NOTHING AT ALL
I... I WAS JUST...
IT... LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING A NIGHTMARE SO...
I THOUGHT I'D WAKE YOU
...
SEEMS YOU WEREN'T THOUGH SO IT'S FINE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WH... WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
LISTEN UP KID! I'M NOT GONNA LET YA JUST GO AROUND ACTING WEIRD!
IF YA DON'T WANT YOUR HEAD BLOW APART, THEN DON'T ACT WEIRD!
...

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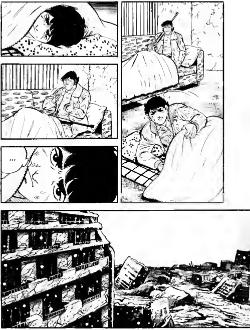
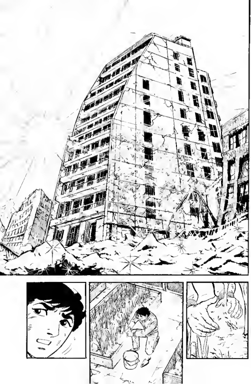
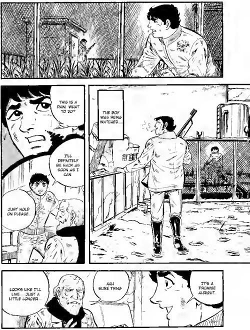
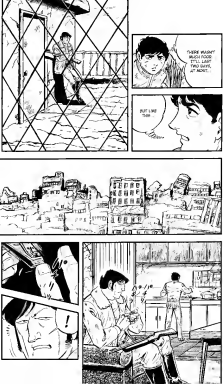





THE BOY WAS BEING WATCHED
THIS IS A PAIN WHAT TO DO?
I'LL DEFINITELY BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN
JUST HOLD ON PLEASE
IT'S A PROMISE ALRIGHT
AAH SURE THING
LOOKS LIKE I'LL LIVE... JUST A LITTLE LONGER


THERE WASN'T MUCH FOOD. IT'LL LAST TWO DAYS, AT MOST...
BUT LIKE THIS...
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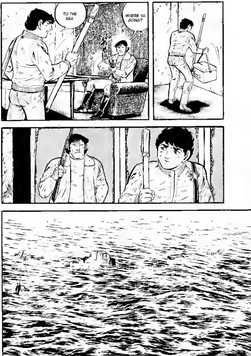
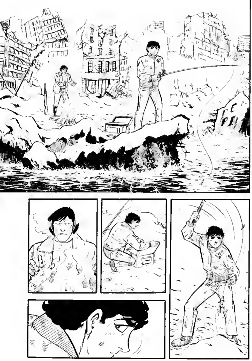
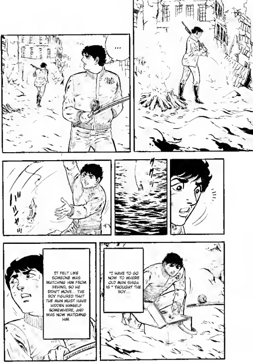

WHERE YA GOING?
TO THE SEA

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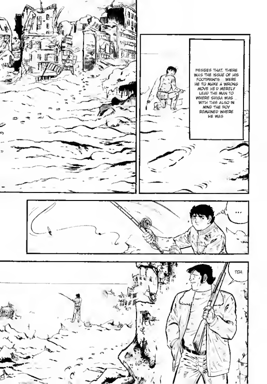
IT FELT LIKE SOMEONE WAS WATCHING HIM FROM BEHIND, SO HE DIDN'T MOVE... THE BOY FIGURED THAT THE MAN MUST HAVE HIDDEN HIMSELF SOMEWHERE, AND WAS NOW WATCHING HIM
"I HAVE TO GO NOW TO WHERE OLD MAN SHIGA IS " THOUGHT THE BOY...


BESIDES THAT, THERE WAS THE ISSUE OF HIS FOOTPRINTS... WERE HE TO MAKE A WRONG MOVE HE'D MERELY LEAD THE MAN TO WHERE SHIGA WAS... WITH THIS ALSO IN MIND THE BOY REMAINED WHERE HE WAS
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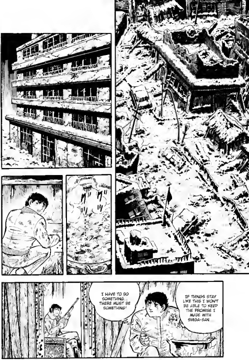
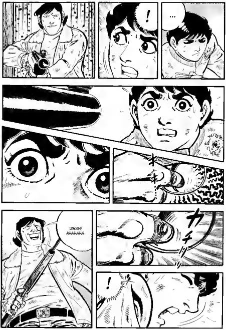

IF THINGS STAY LIKE THIS I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THE PROMISE I MADE WITH SHIGA-SAN
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING!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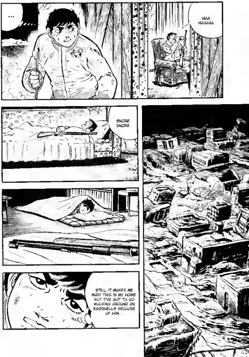
UWAH! AHAHAHA


HAA HAHAHA...
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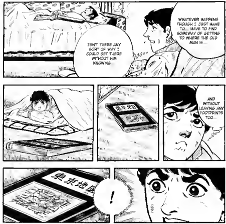
SNORE SNORE
STILL, IT MAKES ME MAD! THIS IS MY HOME BUT I'VE GOT TO GO WALKING AROUND ON EGGSHELLS BECAUSE OF HIM...


WHATEVER HAPPENS THOUGH I JUST HAVE TO.... HAVE TO FIND SOMEWAY OF GETTING TO WHERE THE OLD MAN IS....
ISN'T THERE ANY SORT OF WAY I COULD GET THERE WITHOUT HIM KNOWING
AND WITHOUT LEAVING ANY FOOTPRINTS TOO...
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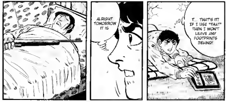
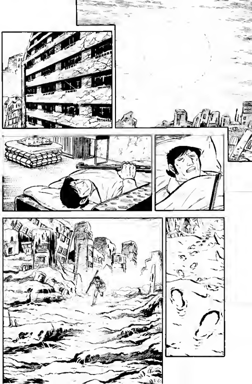
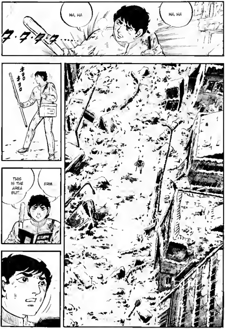
東京地図

T/N: THE TITLES READS "MAP OF TOKYO"


T.... THAT'S IT! IF I USE "THAT" THEN I WON'T LEAVE ANY FOOTPRINTS BEHIND!
ALRIGHT TOMORROW IT IS




HA, HA
HA, HA
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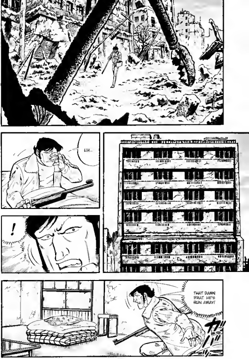
THIS IS THE AREA BUT...


UH...
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THAT DAMN BRAT. HE'S RUN AWAY!
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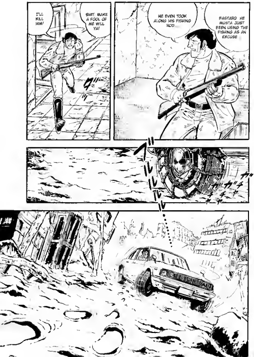
BASTARD HE MUSTA JUST BEEN USING THE FISHING AS AN EXCUSE
HE EVEN TOOK ALONG HIS FISHING ROD...
SHIT! MAKE A FOOL OF ME WILL YA!
I'LL KILL HIM!
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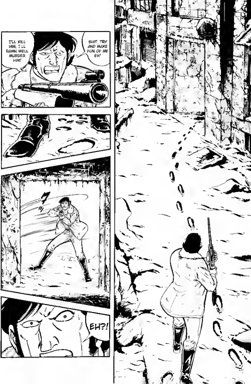
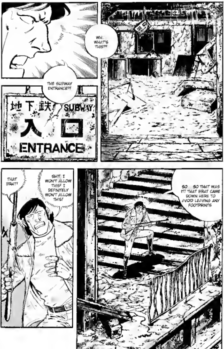
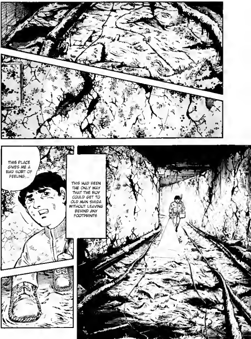
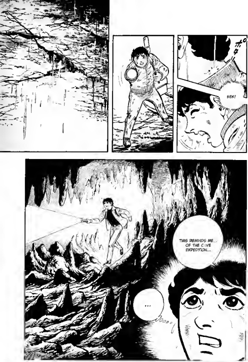

I'LL KILL HIM, I'LL DAMN WELL MURDER HIM!
SHIT TRY AND MAKE FUN OF ME EH!
EH?!


WH... WHAT'S THIS?!
THE SUBWAY ENTRANCE?!
地下鉄 SUBWAY
入口
ENTRANCE
SO... SO THAT WAS IT! THAT BRAT CAME DOWN HERE TO AVOID LEAVING ANY FOOTPRINTS
SHIT I WON'T ALLOW THIS! I DEFINITELY WON'T ALLOW THIS!
THAT BRAT!


THIS HAD BEEN THE ONLY WAY THAT THE BOY COULD GET TO OLD MAN SHIGA WITHOUT LEAVING BEHIND ANY FOOTPRINTS
THIS PLACE GIVES ME A BAD SORT OF FEELING...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EEK!
THIS REMINDS ME... OF THE CAVE EXPEDITION...
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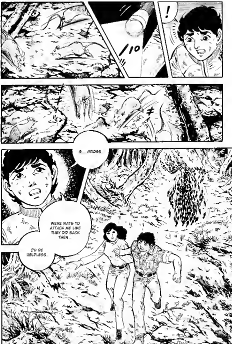
Doooo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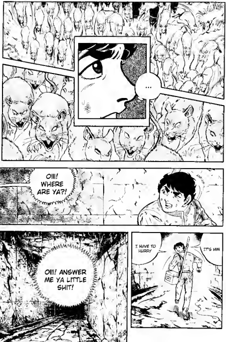
G... GROSS
WERE RATS TO ATTACK ME LIKE THEY DID BACK THEN...
I'D BE HELPLESS.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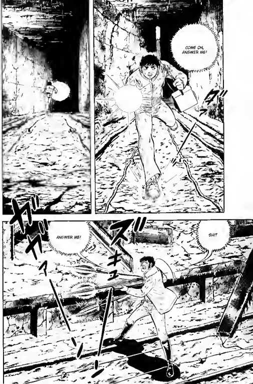
OIII! WHERE ARE YA?!
IT'S HIM
I HAVE TO HURRY
OIII! ANSWER ME YA LITTLE SHIT!


COME ON, ANSWER ME!
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ANSWER ME!
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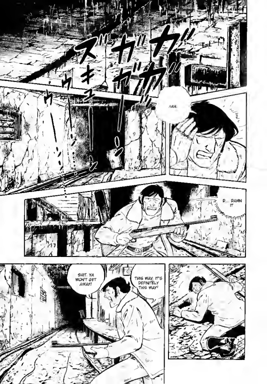
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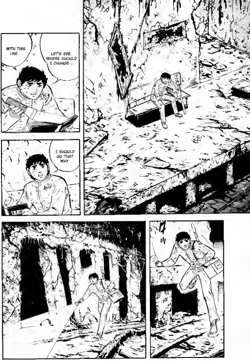
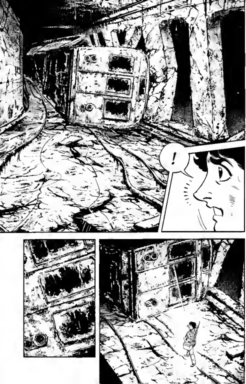
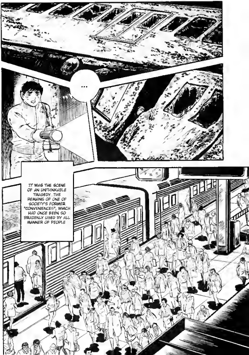
AAH.
D... DAMN IT
THIS WAY. IT'S DEFINITELY THIS WAY!
SHIT. YA WON'T GET AWAY!


WITH THIS LINE...
LET'S SEE. WHERE SHOULD I CHANGE...
I SHOULD GO THAT WAY

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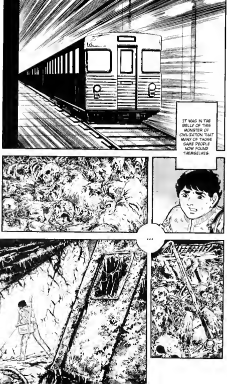
IT WAS THE SCENE OF AN UNTHINKABLE TRAGEDY. THE REMAINS OF ONE OF SOCIETY'S FORMER "CONVENIENCES", WHICH HAD ONCE BEEN SO BRAZENLY USED BY ALL MANNER OF PEOPLE


IT WAS IN THE BELLY OF THIS MONSTER OF CIVILIZATION THAT MANY OF THOSE SAME PEOPLE NOW FOUND THEMSELVES.
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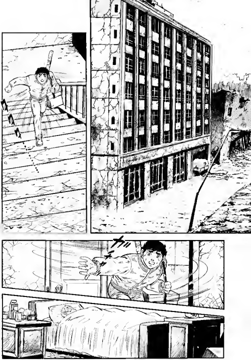
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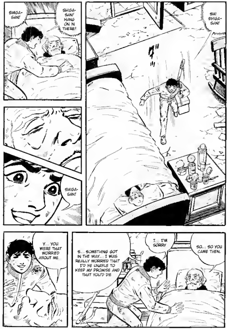
SHI SHIGA-SAN!
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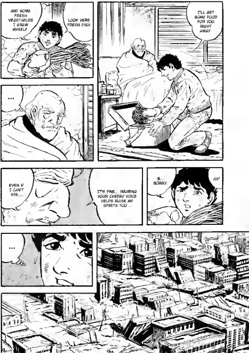
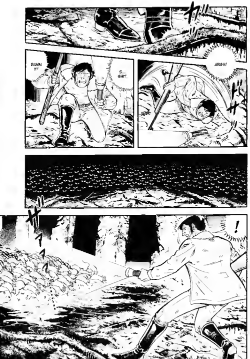
SHIGA-SAN! HANG ON IN THERE!
SHIGA-SAN!
SHIGA-SAN!
SO... SO YOU CAME THEN.
I... I'M SORRY
S... SOMETHING GOT IN THE WAY... I WAS REALLY WORRIED THAT I'D BE UNABLE TO KEEP MY PROMISE AND THAT YOU'D DIE.
Y... YOU WERE THAT WORRIED ABOUT ME.


I'LL GET SOME FOOD FOR YOU RIGHT AWAY
LOOK HERE FRESH FISH
AND SOME FRESH VEGETABLES I GREW MYSELF
...
AH!
S... SORRY
IT'S FINE... HEARING YOUR CHEERY VOICE HELPS RAISE MY SPIRITS TOO ...
EVEN IF I CAN'T SEE...
...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S... SHIT.
DAMN IT!
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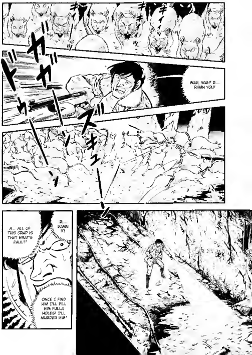
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WAH, WAH! D... DAMN YOU!
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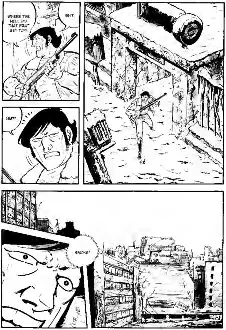
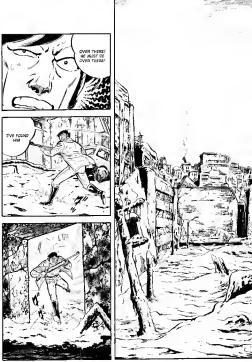
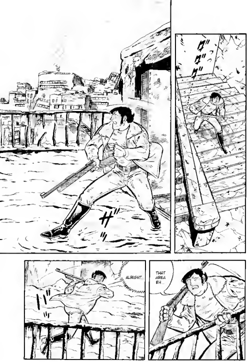
D... DAMN IT!
A... ALL OF THIS CRAP IS THAT BRAT'S FAULT!
ONCE I FIND HIM I'LL FILL HIM FULLA HOLES! I'LL MURDER HIM!


WHERE THE HELL DID THAT BRAT GET TO?!
SHIT
HM?!
SMOKE!


OVER THERE! HE MUST BE OVER THERE!
I'VE FOUND HIM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THAT AREA EH...
ALRIGHT
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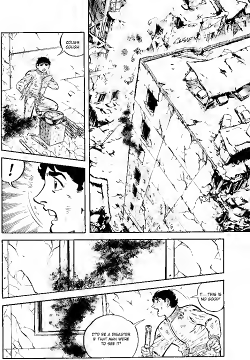
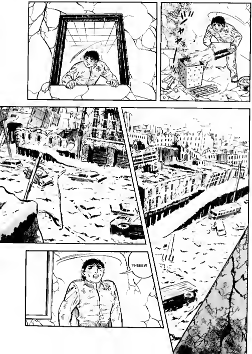

COUGH COUGH
!
T.... THIS IS NO GOOD!
IT'D BE A DISASTER IF THAT MAN WERE TO SEE IT!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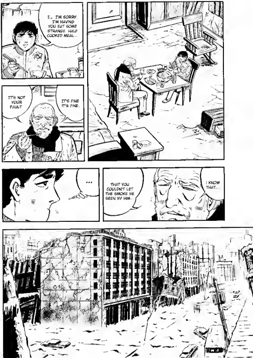
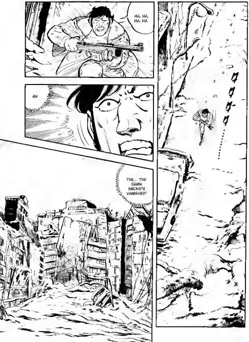

I.. I'M SORRY I'M HAVING YOU EAT SOME STRANGE HALF COOKED MEAL...
IT'S FINE IT'S FINE
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
I KNOW THAT...
THAT YOU COULDN'T LET THE SMOKE BE SEEN BY HIM
...


HA, HA, HA, HA...
AH
THE THE DAMN SMOKE'S VANISHED!
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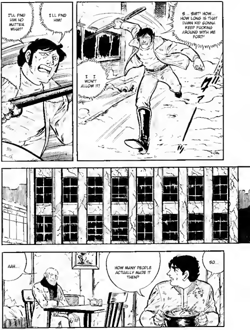
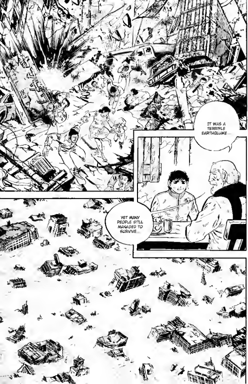
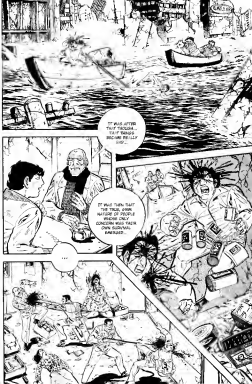

I'LL FIND HIM!
I'LL FIND HIM NO MATTER WHAT!
I... I WON'T ALLOW IT!
S... SHIT! HOW... HOW LONG IS THAT DAMN KID GONNA KEEP FUCKING AROUND WITH ME FOR?!
SO...
HOW MANY PEOPLE ACTUALLY MADE IT THEN?
AAH...


IT WAS A TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE....
YET MANY PEOPLE STILL MANAGED TO SURVIVE....


IT WAS AFTER THAT THOUGH... THAT THINGS BECAME REALLY BAD...
IT WAS THEN THAT THE TRUE, GRIM NATURE OF PEOPLE WHOSE ONLY CONCERN WAS THEIR OWN SURVIVAL EMERGED...
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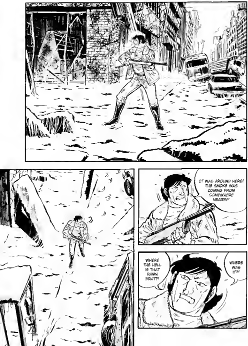
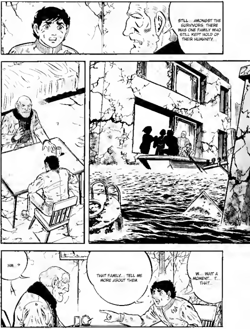
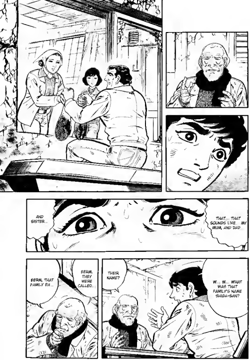
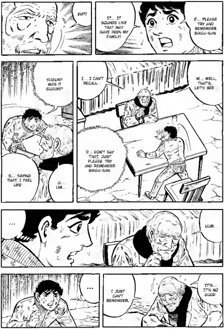
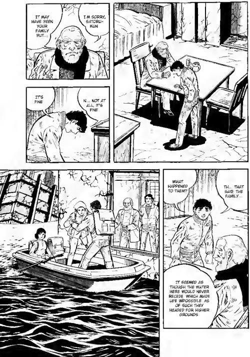
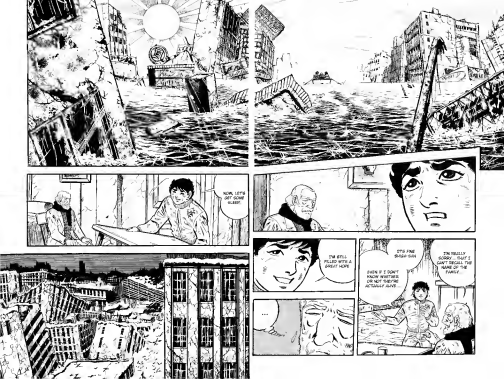

IT WAS AROUND HERE! THE SMOKE WAS COMING FROM SOMEWHERE NEARBY!
WHERE WAS IT?!
WHERE THE HELL IS THAT DAMN BRAT?!

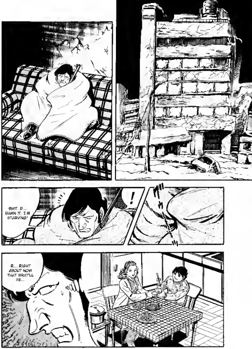

STILL... AMONGST THE SURVIVORS... THERE WAS ONE FAMILY WHO STILL KEPT HOLD OF THEIR HUMANITY...
W... WAIT A MOMENT... I... THAT...
THAT FAMILY... TELL ME MORE ABOUT THEM.
HM...?

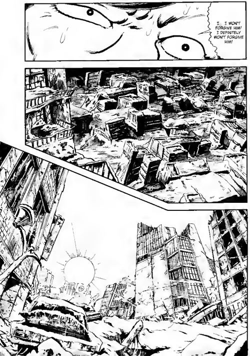

THAT... THAT SOUNDS LIKE... MY MUM, AND DAD
AND SISTER...
W... W... WHAT WAS THAT FAMILY'S NAME SHIGA-SAN?
THEIR NAME?
EERM. THEY WERE CALLED...
EERM, THAT FAMILY EH...

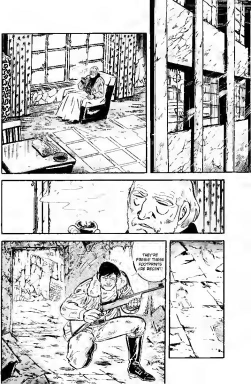

EH?!
IT... IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN MY FAMILY!
P... PLEASE TRY AND REMEMBER SHIGA-SAN
SUGUKI? WAS IT SUGUKI?
S... SAYING THAT, I FEEL LIKE
U... UM...
I... I CAN'T RECALL
W... WELL, THAT'S LET'S SEE
D... DON'T SAY THAT. JUST PLEASE TRY AND REMEMBER SHIGA-SAN
...
UM
...
I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER.
IT'S... IT'S NO GOOD

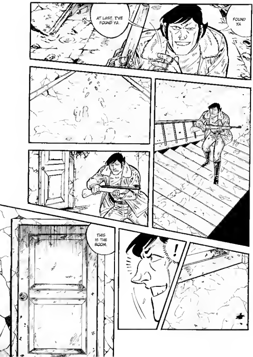

I'M SORRY, SATORU-KUN
IT MAY HAVE BEEN YOUR FAMILY BUT...
N... NOT AT ALL, IT'S FINE
IT'S FINE
TH... THAT SAID THE FAMILY...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THE WATER HERE WOULD NEVER RECEDE WHICH MADE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE AS OF SUCH THEY HEADED FOR HIGHER GROUNDS


NOW, LET'S GET SOME SLEEP.
I'M REALLY SORRY... THAT I CAN'T RECALL THE NAME OF THE FAMILY.
IT'S FINE SHIGA-SAN
EVEN IF I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE ACTUALLY ALIVE...
I'M STILL FILLED WITH A GREAT HOPE
...


SHIT... D... DAMN IT. I'M STARVING!
!
R... RIGHT ABOUT NOW THAT BRAT'LL BE...


I I WON'T FORGIVE HIM! I DEFINITELY WON'T FORGIVE HIM!


THEY'RE FRESH! THESE FOOTPRINTS ARE RECENT!


AT LAST, I'VE FOUND YA.
FOUND YA
THIS IS THE ROOM.
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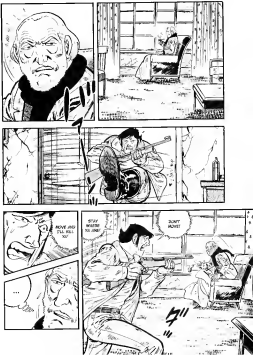
DON'T MOVE!
STAY WHERE YA ARE!
MOVE AND I'LL KILL YA!
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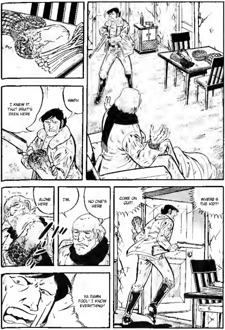
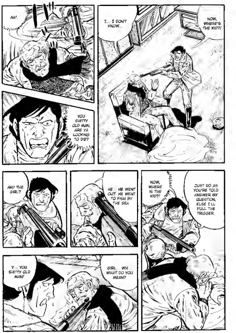
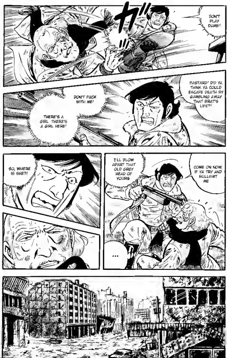
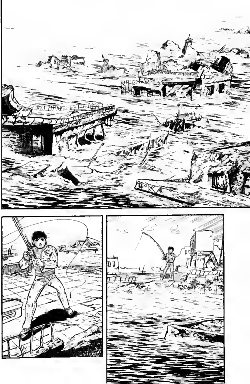
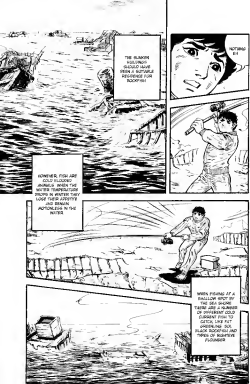
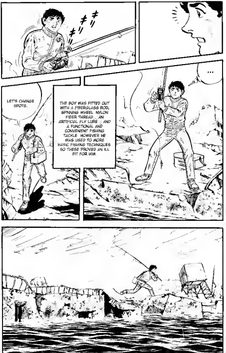

I KNEW IT THAT BRAT'S BEEN HERE
HMPH
ALONE HERE
I'M.
NO ONE'S HERE
YA DAMN FOOL! I KNOW EVERYTHING!
COME ON OUT!
WHERE'S THE KID?!


NOW, WHERE'S THE KID?!
I... I DON'T KNOW...
AH!
YOU SHITTY OLD MAN. ARE YA LOOKING TO DIE?
NOW, WHERE IS THE KID?!
JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD ANSWER MY QUESTION, ELSE I'LL PULL THE TRIGGER.
HE HE WENT OUT HE WENT TO FISH BY THE SEA
AND THE GIRL?
GIRL WH WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Y... YOU SHITTY OLD MAN!


DON'T PLAY DUMB!
BASTARD! DID YA THINK YA COULD ESCAPE DEATH BY GAMBLING AWAY THAT BRAT'S LIFE?!
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
THERE'S A GIRL THERE'S A GIRL HERE!
COME ON NOW. IF YA TRY AND BULLSHIT ME
I'LL BLOW APART THAT OLD GREY HEAD OF YOURS
...
SO, WHERE IS SHE?!




NOTHING EH
THE SUNKEN BUILDINGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN A SUITABLE RESIDENCE FOR ROCKFISH
HOWEVER, FISH ARE COLD BLOODED ANIMALS WHEN THE WATER TEMPERATURE DROPS IN WINTER THEY LOSE THEIR APPETITE AND REMAIN MOTIONLESS IN THE WATER
WHEN FISHING AT A SHALLOW SPOT BY THE SEA SHORE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT COLD CURRENT FISH TO CATCH, LIKE FAT GREENLING SOI, BLACK ROCKFISH AND TYPES OF RIGHTEYE FLOUNDER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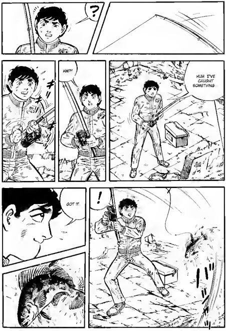
...
THE BOY WAS FITTED OUT WITH A FIBERGLASS ROD, SPINNING WHEEL NYLON FIBER THREAD AN ARTIFICIAL FLY LURE AND A FUNCTIONAL AND CONVENIENT FISHING TACKLE HOWEVER HE WAS USED TO MORE BASIC FISHING TECHNIQUES SO THESE PROVED AN ILL FIT FOR HIM
LET'S CHANGE SPOTS.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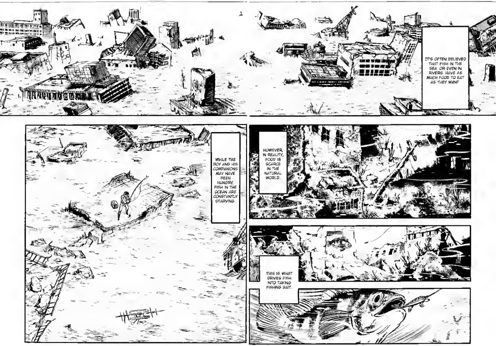
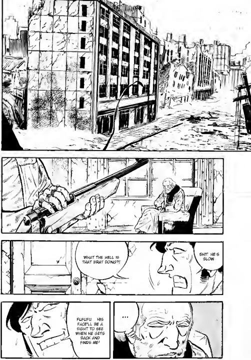
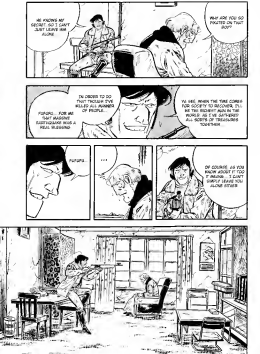
HM?!
HUH I'VE CAUGHT SOMETHING
GOT IT
!


IT'S OFTEN BELIEVED THAT FISH IN THE SEA OR EVEN IN RIVERS HAVE AS MUCH FOOD TO EAT AS THEY WANT
WHILE THE BOY AND HIS COMPANIONS MAY HAVE BEEN HUNGRY FISH IN THE OCEAN ARE CONSTANTLY STARVING.
HOWEVER, IN REALITY, FOOD IS SCARCE IN THE NATURAL WORLD.
THIS IS WHAT DRIVES FISH INTO TAKING FISHING BAIT.


SHIT HE'S SLOW
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT BRAT DOING?!
...
FUFUFU HIS FACE'LL BE A SIGHT TO SEE WHEN HE GETS BACK AND FINDS ME!


WHY ARE YOU SO FIXATED ON THAT BOY?
HE KNOWS MY SECRET SO I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE
FUFUFU... FOR ME THAT MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE WAS A REAL BLESSING
YA SEE, WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR SOCIETY TO RECOVER, I'LL BE THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD AS I'VE GATHERED ALL SORTS OF TREASURES TOGETHER...
IN ORDER TO DO THAT THOUGH I'VE KILLED ALL MANNER OF PEOPLE...
OF COURSE AS YOU KNOW ABOUT IT TOO IT MEANS... I CAN'T SIMPLY LEAVE YOU ALONE EITHER
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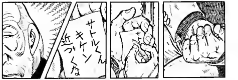
FUFUFU...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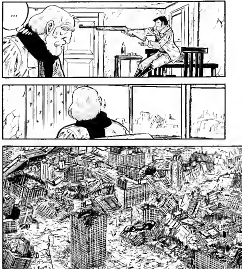
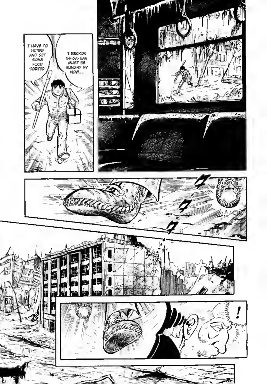
T/N: THE NOTE READS "SATORU-KUN, DANGER, STAY AWAY"




I RECKON SHIGA-SAN MUST BE HUNGRY BY NOW...
I HAVE TO HURRY AND GET SOME FOOD SORTED
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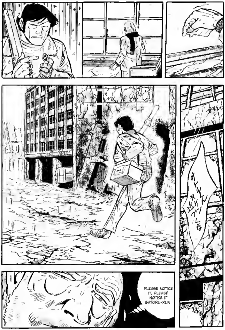
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PLEASE NOTICE IT, PLEASE NOTICE IT SATORU-KUN

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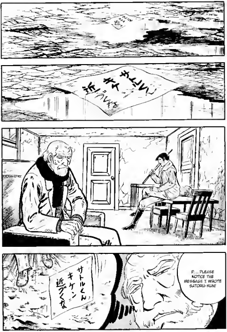
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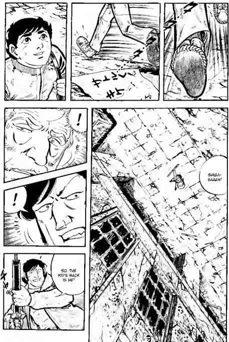
P... PLEASE NOTICE THE MESSAGE I WROTE SATORU-KUN!


SHIGA-SAAAN!
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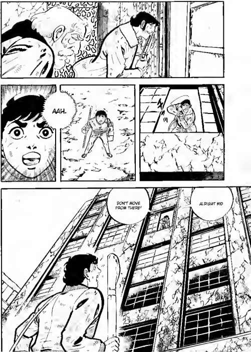
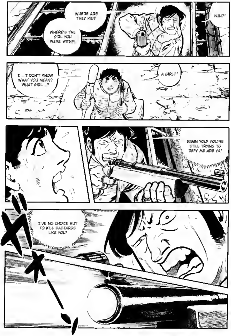
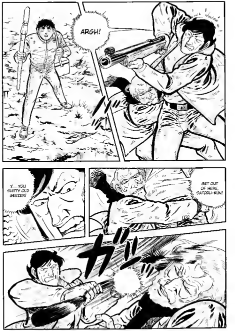
SO THE KID'S BACK IS HE!


AAH.
ALRIGHT KID
DON'T MOVE FROM THERE!


HUH?!
WHERE ARE THEY KID?
WHERE'S THE GIRL YOU WERE WITH?!
A GIRL?!
I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN? WHAT GIRL...?
DAMN YOU! YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO DEFY ME ARE YA!
I'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL BASTARDS LIKE YOU!


ARGH!
GET OUT OF HERE, SATORU-KUN!
Y... YOU SHITTY OLD GEEZER!
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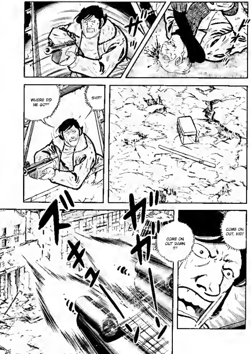
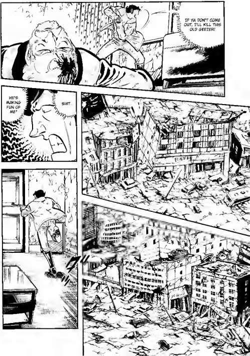
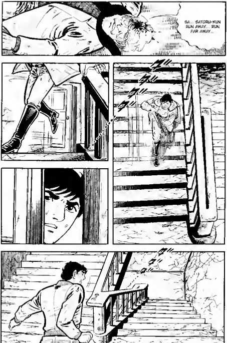

SHIT!
WHERE DID HE GO?
COME ON OUT, KID!
COME ON OUT DAMN IT!


IF YA DON'T COME OUT, I'LL KILL THIS OLD GEEZER!
HE'S MAKING FUN OF ME!
SHIT.


SA... SATORU-KUN RUN AWAY... RUN FAR AWAY...
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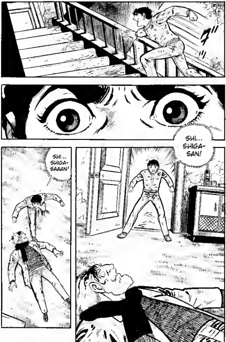
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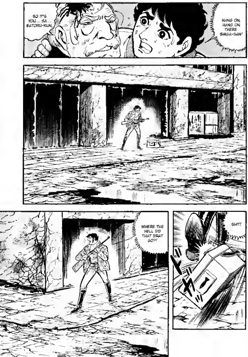
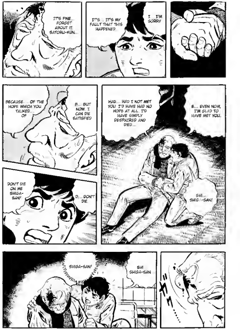
SHI... SHIGA-SAN!
SHI.. SHIGA-SAAAN!


HANG ON, HANG ON THERE SHIGA-SAN!
SO IT'S YOU... SA... SATORU-KUN.
SHIT!
WHERE THE HELL DID THAT BRAT GO?!


I... I'M SORRY
IT'S... IT'S MY FAULT THAT THIS HAPPENED
IT'S FINE... FORGET ABOUT IT SATORU-KUN...
E... EVEN NOW, I'M GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU.
HAD... HAD I NOT MET YOU I'D HAVE HAD NO HOPE AT ALL. I'D HAVE SIMPLY DESPAIRED AND DIED...
B... BUT NOW, I CAN DIE SATISFIED
BECAUSE... OF THE HOPE WHICH YOU TALKED... OF
SHI... SHIGA-SAN!
D... DON'T DIE
DON'T DIE ON ME SHIGA-SAN!
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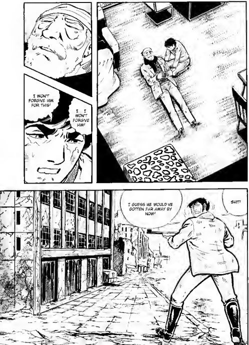
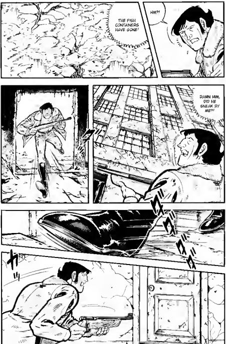
SHI SHIGA-SAN
SHIGA-SAN!


I WON'T FORGIVE HIM FOR THIS!
I... I WON'T FORGIVE HIM!
I GUESS HE WOULD'VE GOTTEN FAR AWAY BY NOW!
SHIT!


THE FISH CONTAINERS HAVE GONE!
HM?!
DAMN HIM, DID HE SNEAK BY ME?!
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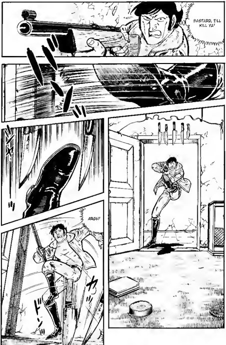
BASTARD, I'LL KILL YA!
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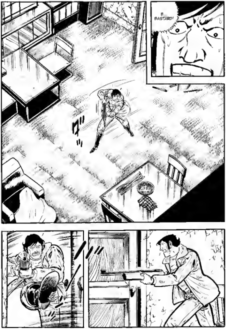
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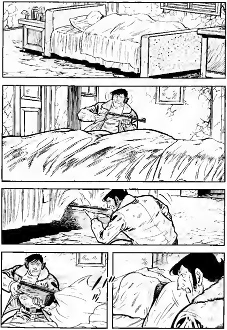

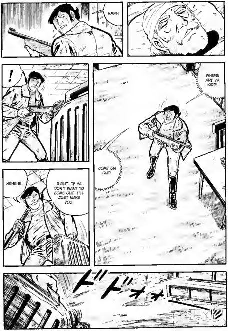
HMPH
WHERE ARE YA KID?!
COME ON OUT!
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HEHEHE
RIGHT. IF YA DON'T WANT TO COME OUT, I'LL JUST MAKE YOU!
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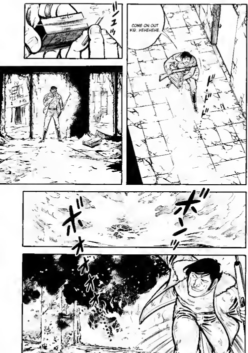
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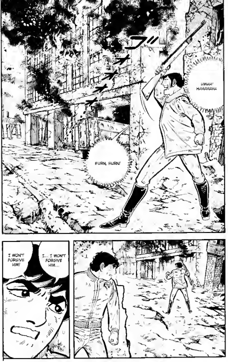
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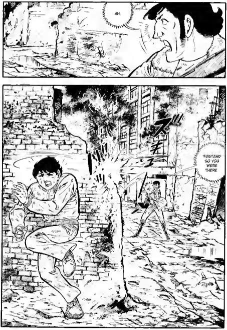
UWAH! HAHAHAHA
BURN, BURN!
I... I WON'T FORGIVE HIM...
I WON'T FORGIVE HIM!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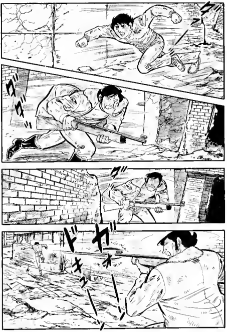
BASTARD SO YOU WERE THERE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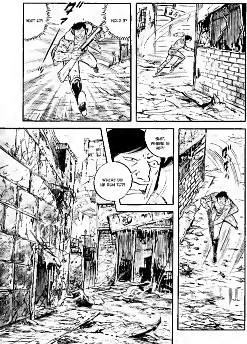
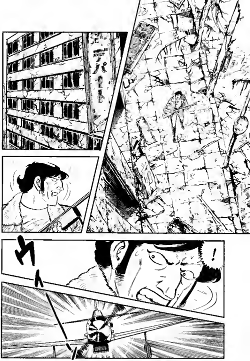

HOLD IT!
WAIT UP!
SHIT, WHERE IS HE?!
WHERE DID HE RUN TO?!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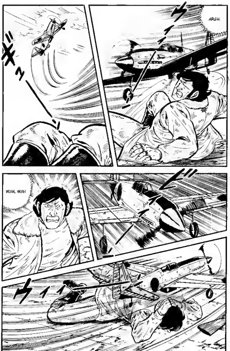
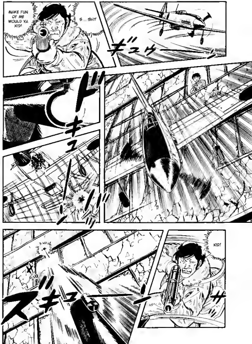

ARGH.
WAH, WAH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MAKE FUN OF ME WOULD YA KID!
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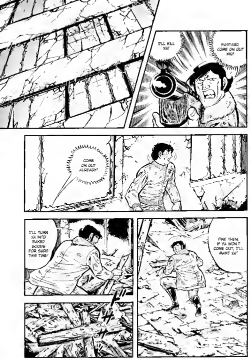
BASTARD COME ON OUT KID!
I'LL KILL YA!
COME ON OUT ALREADY!
FINE THEN, IF YA WON'T COME OUT, I'LL MAKE YA!
I'LL TURN YA INTO BAKED GOODS FOR SURE THIS TIME!
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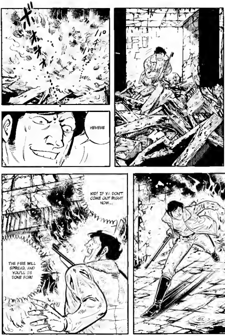
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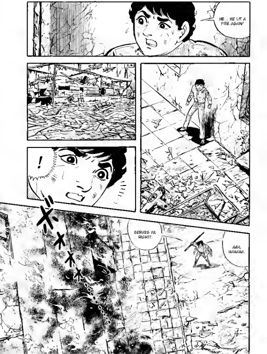
HEHEHE
KID! IF YA DON'T COME OUT RIGHT NOW...
THE FIRE WILL SPREAD, AND YOU'LL BE DONE FOR!


HE... HE LIT A FIRE AGAIN!
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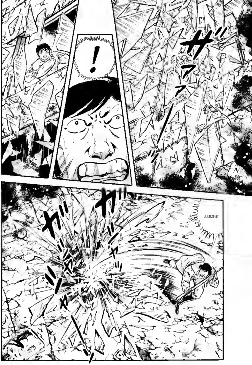
SERVES YA RIGHT!!
AAH, HAHAHA.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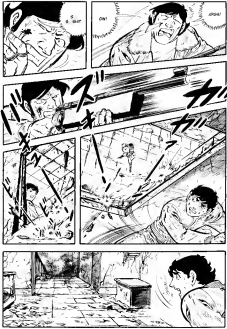
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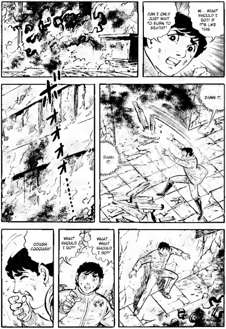
W... WHAT SHOULD I DO?! IF IT'S LIKE THIS
CAN I ONLY JUST WAIT TO BURN TO DEATH?!
DAMN IT.
DAMN IT.
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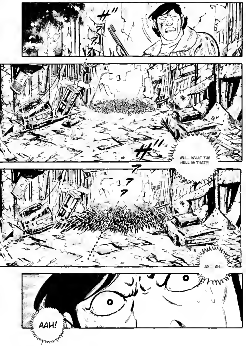
WHAT... WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
COUGH COOOUGH!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WH... WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
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AH... AH
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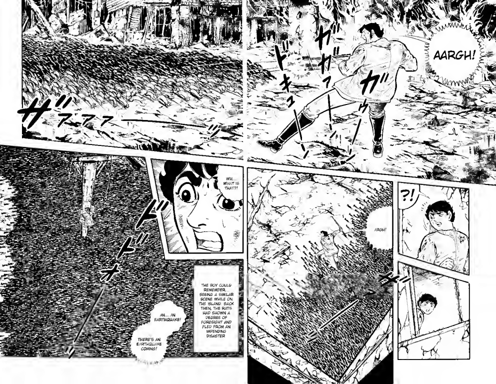
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WH... WHAT IS THAT?!
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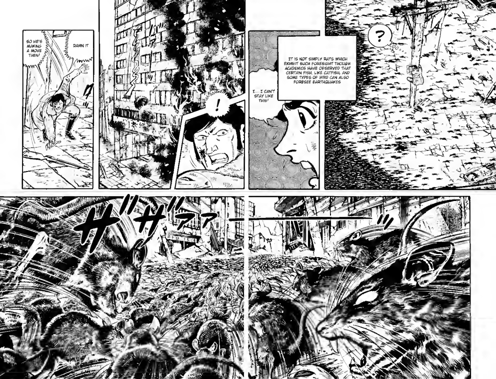
THE BOY COULD REMEMBER, SEEING A SIMILAR SCENE WHILE ON THE ISLAND BACK THEN, THE RATS HAD SHOWN A DEGREE OF FORESIGHT AND FLED FROM AN IMPENDING DISASTER
AN... AN EARTHQUAKE!
THERE'S AN EARTHQUAKE COMING!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It is not simply rats which exhibit such foresight though academics have observed that certain fish, like catfish, and some types of bird can also foresee earthquakes
I... I can't stay like this!
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Damn it
So he's making a move then!
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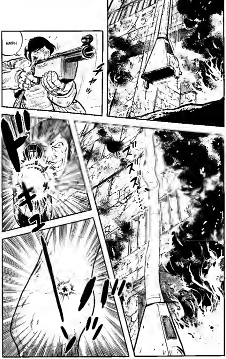
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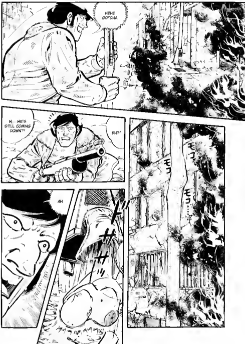
HEHE GOTCHA
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EH?!
H HE'S STILL COMING DOWN?!
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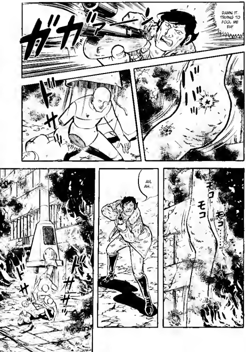
DAMN IT TRYING TO FOOL ME EH!
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モコ……
AH, AH...
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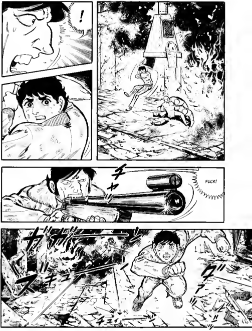
ドサッ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FUCK!
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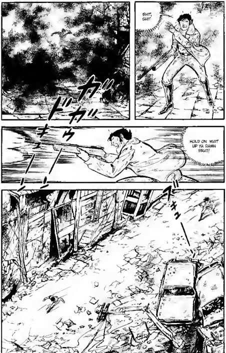
SHIT, SHIT
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HOLD ON WAIT UP YA DAMN BRAT!
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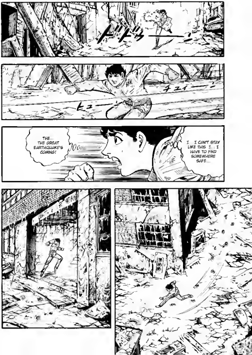
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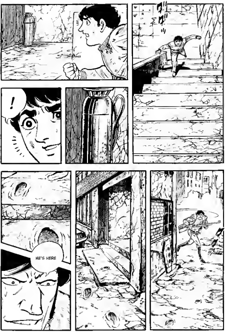
I I CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS I I HAVE TO FIND SOMEWHERE SAFE
THE THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE'S COMING!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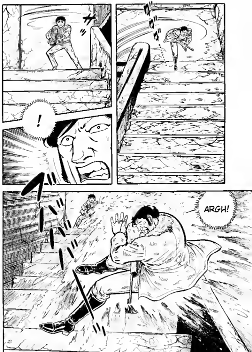
HE'S HERE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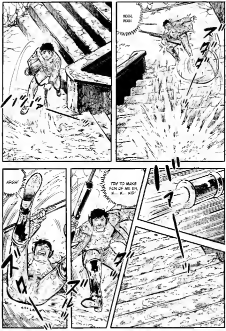
ARGH!


WAH, WAH
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TRY TO MAKE FUN OF ME EH, K... K... KID!
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ARGH!
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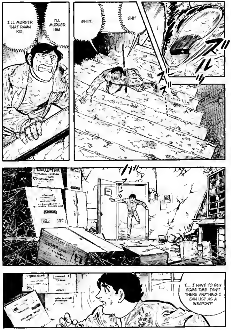
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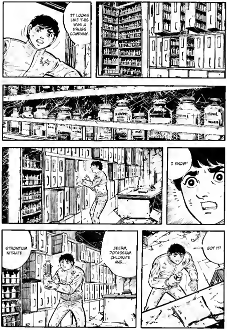
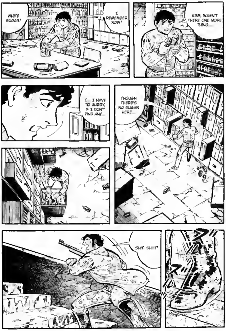
SHIT
SHIIIT.
I'LL MURDER HIM
I'LL MURDER THAT DAMN KID.
I… I HAVE TO BUY SOME TIME. ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN USE AS A WEAPON?!


IT LOOKS LIKE THIS WAS A DRUGS COMPANY
I KNOW!
STRONTIUM NITRATE
EEERM, POTASSIUM CHLORATE AND...
GOT IT!


ERM, WASN'T THERE ONE MORE THING...
I REMEMBER NOW!
WHITE SUGAR!
THOUGH THERE'S NO SUGAR HERE...
I... I HAVE TO HURRY, IF I DON'T FIND ANY...
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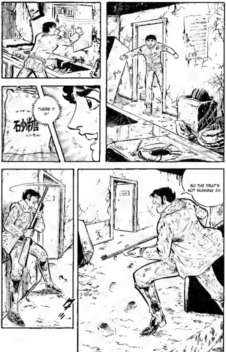
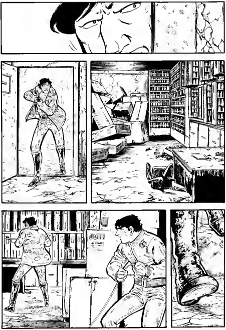
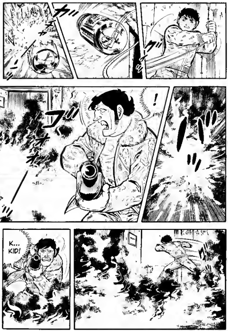
SHIT SHIIIT!


THERE IT IS!
砂糖
SO THE BRAT'S NOT RUNNING EH

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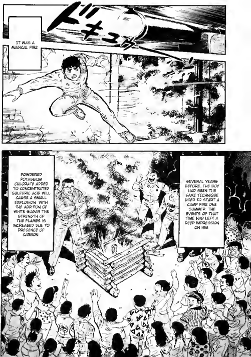
K... KID!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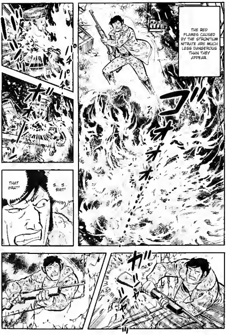
IT WAS A MAGICAL FIRE
POWDERED POTASSIUM CHLORATE ADDED TO CONCENTRATED SULFURIC ACID WILL CAUSE A SMALL EXPLOSION WITH THE ADDITION OF WHITE SUGAR THE STRENGTH OF THE FLAMES IS INCREASED DUE TO PRESENCE OF CARBON
SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE THE BOY HAD SEEN THE SAME TECHNIQUE USED TO START A CAMP FIRE ONE SUMMER THE EVENTS OF THAT TIME HAD LEFT A DEEP IMPRESSION ON HIM


THE RED FLAMES CAUSED BY THE STRONTIUM NITRATE ARE MUCH LESS DANGEROUS THAN THEY APPEAR.
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THAT BRAT!
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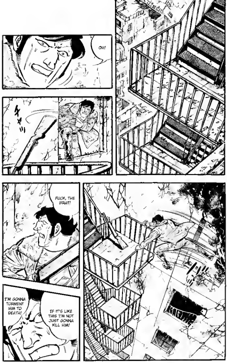
OH!
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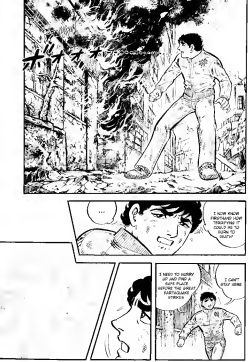
FUCK, THE BRAT!
IF IT'S LIKE THIS I'M NOT JUST GONNA KILL HIM!
I'M GONNA TORMENT HIM TO DEATH!


オ゛オオオー……
I NOW KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW TERRIFYING IT COULD BE TO BURN TO DEATH!
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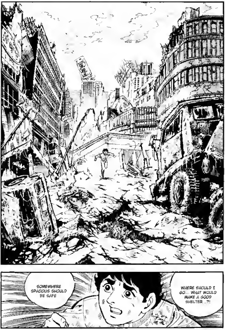
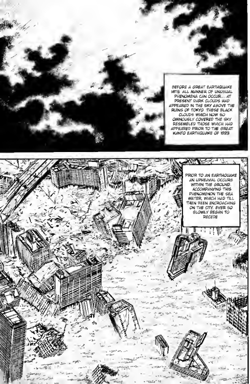
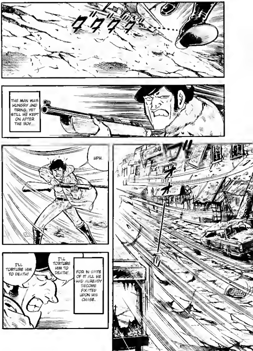
I CAN'T STAY HERE
I NEED TO HURRY UP AND FIND A SAFE PLACE BEFORE THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE STRIKES


WHERE SHOULD I GO... WHAT WOULD MAKE A GOOD SHELTER...?!
SOMEWHERE SPACIOUS SHOULD BE SAFE


BEFORE A GREAT EARTHQUAKE HITS ALL MANNER OF UNUSUAL PHENOMENA CAN OCCUR... AT PRESENT DARK CLOUDS HAD APPEARED IN THE SKY ABOVE THE RUINS OF TOKYO THESE BLACK CLOUDS WHICH NOW SO OMINOUSLY COVERED THE SKY RESEMBLED THOSE WHICH HAD APPEARED PRIOR TO THE GREAT KANTO EARTHQUAKE OF 1923
PRIOR TO AN EARTHQUAKE AN UPHEAVAL OCCURS WITHIN THE GROUND. ACCOMPANYING THIS PHENOMENON THE SEA WATER, WHICH HAD TILL THEN BEEN ENCROACHING ON THE CITY. EVER SO SLOWLY BEGAN TO RECEDE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THE MAN WAS HUNGRY AND TIRING YET STILL HE KEPT ON AFTER THE BOY.
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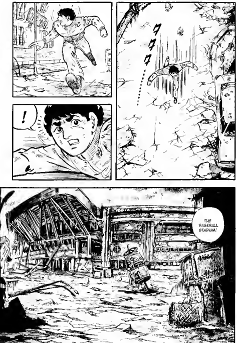
FOR IN SPITE OF IT ALL HE HAD ALREADY BECOME FIXATED UPON HIS CHASE.
I'LL TORTURE HIM TO DEATH!
I'LL TORTURE HIM TO DEATH!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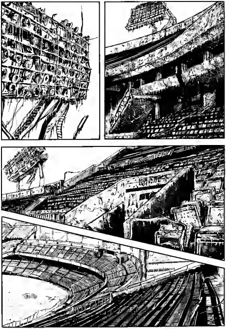
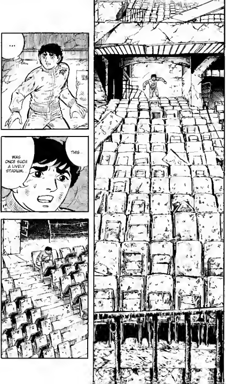
THE BASEBALL STADIUM!

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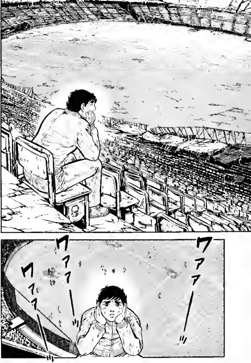
THIS...
WAS ONCE SUCH A LIVELY STADIUM.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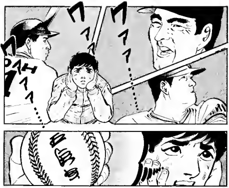
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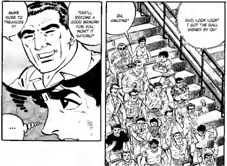
TN: THIS WOULD SEEMINGLY BE A REFERENCE TO SADAHARU OH


DAD, LOOK LOOK! I GOT THE BALL SIGNED BY OH!
OH, AMAZING!
THIS'LL BECOME A GOOD MEMORY FOR YOU, WON'T IT SATORU?
MAKE SURE TO TREASURE IT!
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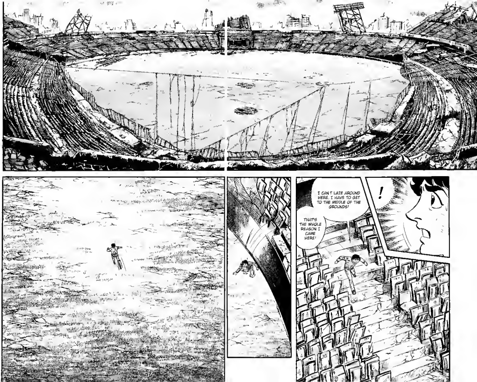
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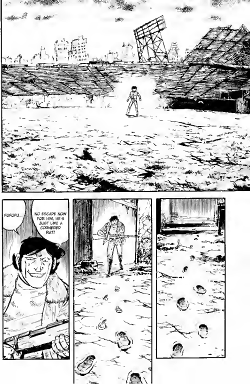
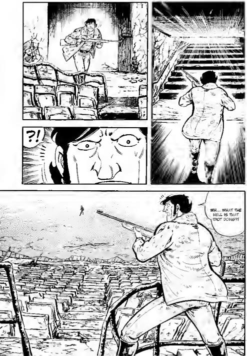
I CAN'T LAZE AROUND HERE. I HAVE TO GET TO THE MIDDLE OF THE GROUNDS!
THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON I CAME HERE!


FUFUFU...
NO ESCAPE NOW FOR HIM, HE'S JUST LIKE A CORNERED RAT!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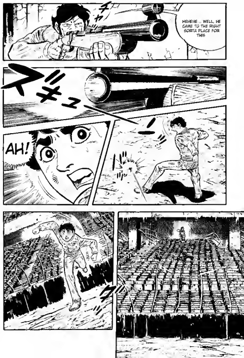
WH... WHAT THE HELL IS THAT IDIOT DOING?!


HEHEHE ... WELL, HE CAME TO THE RIGHT SORTA PLACE FOR THIS
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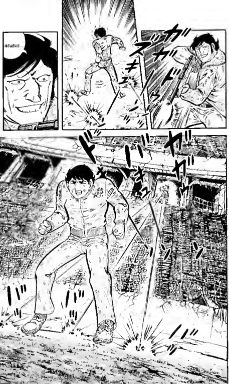
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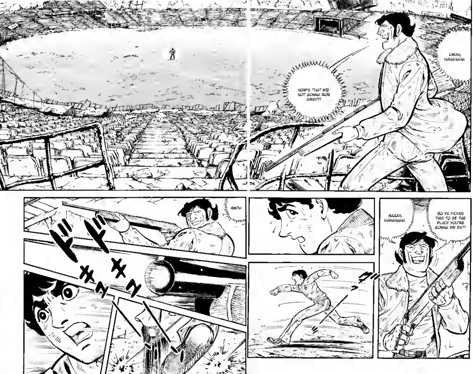
UWAH, HAHAHAHA
HOW'S THAT KID NOT GONNA RUN AWAY?!
SO YA PICKED THIS TO BE THE PLACE YOU'RE GONNA DIE EH?!
HAAAH, HAHAHAHA
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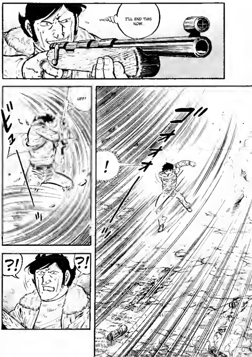
I'LL END THIS NOW.
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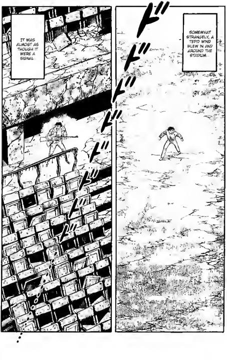
SOMEWHAT STRANGELY, A TEPID WIND BLEW IN AND AROUND THE STADIUM
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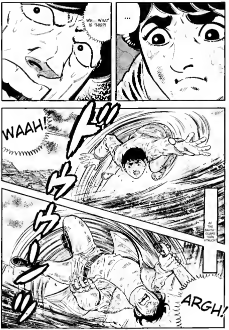
IT WAS ALMOST AS THOUGH IT WERE A SIGNAL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WH WHAT IS THIS?!
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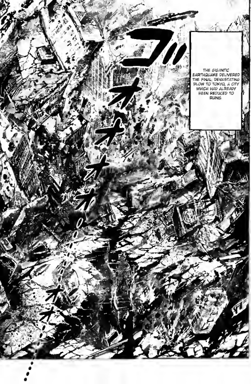
WAAH!
AS THE EARTHQUAKE THEN STRUCK!
ARGH!


THE GIGANTIC EARTHQUAKE DELIVERED THE FINAL DEVASTATING BLOW TO TOKYO, A CITY WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN REDUCED TO RUINS
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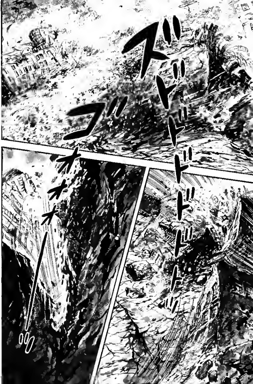
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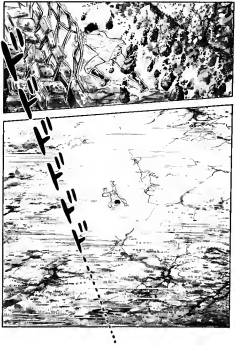
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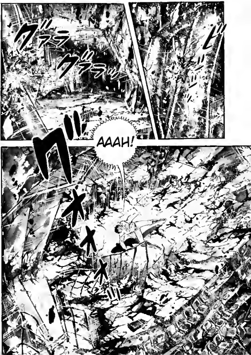
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AAAH!
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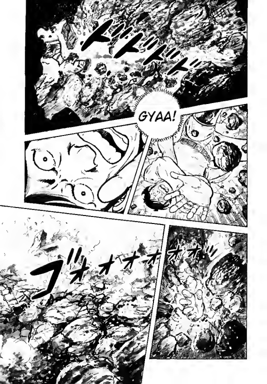
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GYAA!
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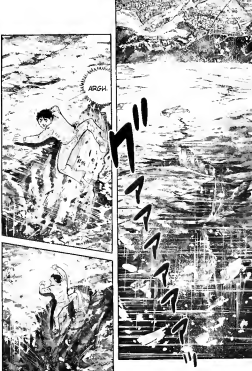
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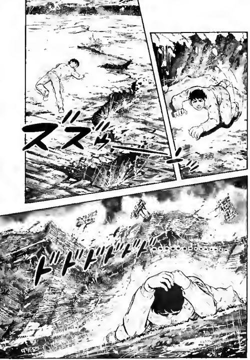
ARGH.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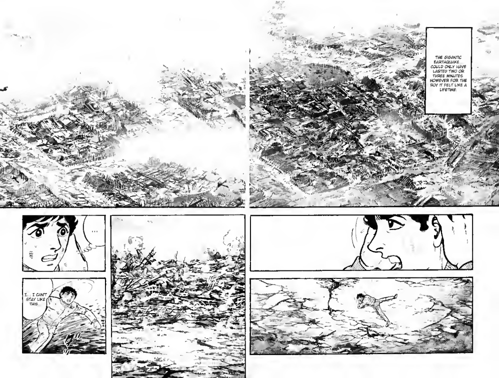
THE GIGANTIC EARTHQUAKE COULD ONLY HAVE LASTED TWO OR THREE MINUTES HOWEVER FOR THE BOY IT FELT LIKE A LIFETIME.
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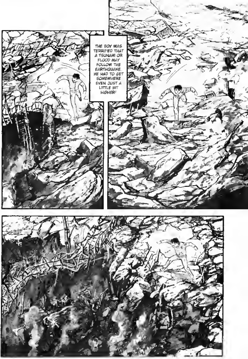
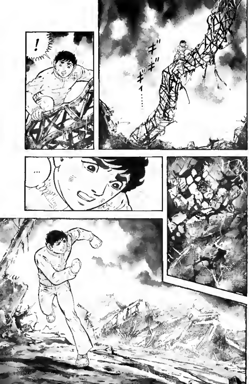
I... I CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS


THE BOY WAS TERRIFIED THAT A TSUNAMI OR FLOOD MAY FOLLOW THE EARTHQUAKE. HE HAD TO GET SOMEWHERE EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT HIGHER!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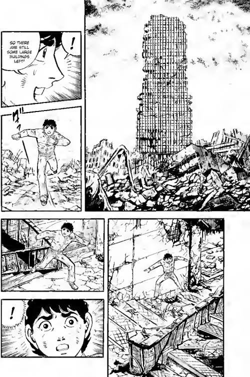
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SO THERE ARE STILL SOME LARGE BUILDINGS LEFT!
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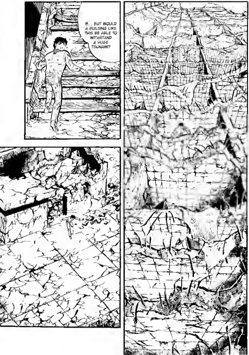
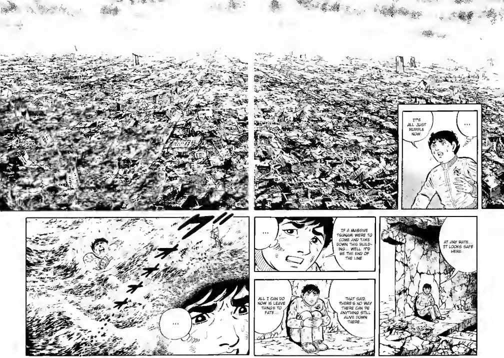

B... BUT WOULD A BUILDING LIKE THIS BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND A HUGE TSUNAMI?


...
IT'S ALL JUST RUBBLE NOW
AT ANY RATE... IT LOOKS SAFE HERE
IF A MASSIVE TSUNAMI WERE TO COME AND TAKE DOWN THIS BUILDING... WELL, IT'D BE THE END OF THE LINE
...
THAT SAID, THERE'S NO WAY THERE CAN BE ANYTHING STILL ALIVE DOWN THERE...
ALL I CAN DO NOW IS LEAVE THINGS TO FATE...
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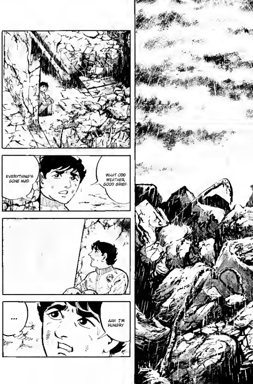
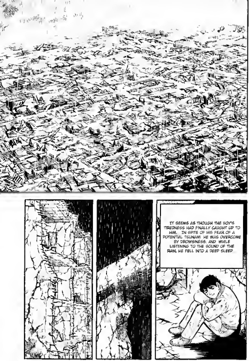
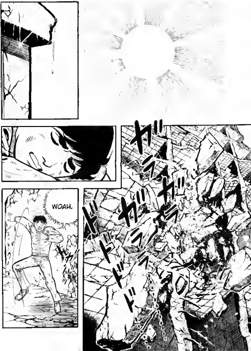

WHAT ODD WEATHER, GOOD GRIEF
EVERYTHING'S GONE MAD
AAH I'M HUNGRY
...


IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE BOY'S TIREDNESS HAD FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO HIM. IN SPITE OF HIS FEAR OF A POTENTIAL TSUNAMI HE WAS OVERCOME BY DROWSINESS AND WHILE LISTENING TO THE SOUND OF THE RAIN, HE FELL INTO A DEEP SLEEP.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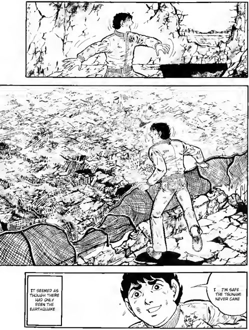
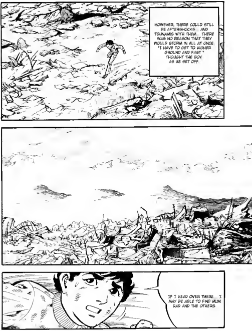
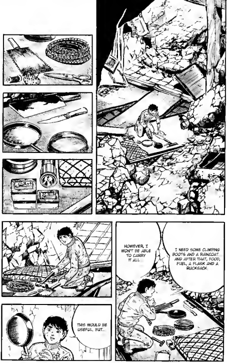
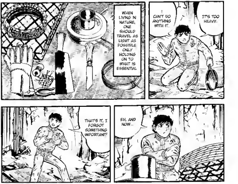

IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THERE HAD ONLY BEEN THE EARTHQUAKE
I ... I'M SAFE THE TSUNAMI NEVER CAME


HOWEVER, THERE COULD STILL BE AFTERSHOCKS AND TSUNAMIS WITH THEM. THERE WAS NO REASON THAT THEY WOULD STORM IN ALL AT ONCE. "I HAVE TO GET TO HIGHER GROUND AND FAST," THOUGHT THE BOY AS HE SET OFF.
IF I HEAD OVER THERE I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND MUM DAD AND THE OTHERS


THIS WOULD BE USEFUL, BUT...
HOWEVER, I WON'T BE ABLE TO CARRY IT ALL
I NEED SOME CLIMBING BOOTS AND A RAINCOAT AND AFTER THAT, FOOD, FUEL, A FLASK AND A RUCKSACK


IT'S TOO HEAVY.
! CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH IT.
WHEN LIVING IN NATURE, ONE SHOULD TRAVEL AS LIGHT AS POSSIBLE ONLY HOLDING ON TO WHAT IS ESSENTIAL
EH, AND NOW...
THAT'S IT, I FORGOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT!

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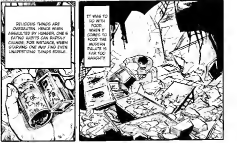
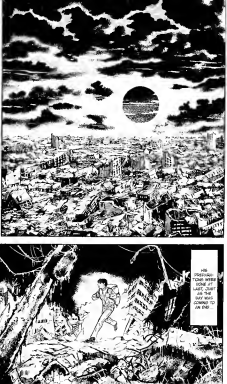
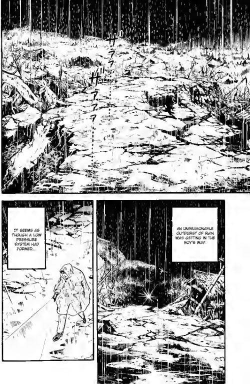

IT WAS TO DO WITH FOOD. WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD THE MODERN PALATE IS FAR TOO HAUGHTY
DELICIOUS THINGS ARE OVEREATEN. HENCE WHEN ASSAULTED BY HUNGER, ONE'S EATING HABITS CAN RAPIDLY CHANGE. FOR INSTANCE, WHEN STARVING ONE MAY FIND EVEN UNAPPETIZING THINGS EDIBLE.


HIS PREPARATIONS WERE DONE AT LAST, JUST AS THE DAY WAS COMING TO AN END...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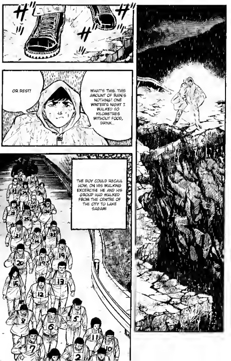
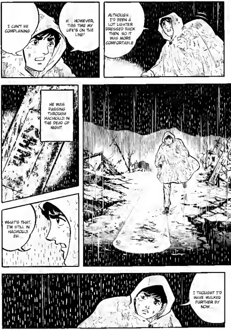
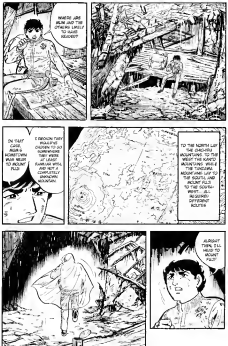
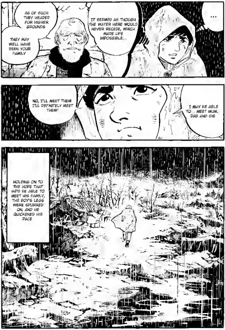
AN UNSEASONABLE OUTBURST OF RAIN WAS GETTING IN THE BOY'S WAY.
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH A LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM HAD FORMED...


OR REST!
WHAT'S THIS. THIS AMOUNT OF RAIN'S NOTHING! ONE WINTER'S NIGHT I WALKED 50 KILOMETRES WITHOUT FOOD, DRINK...
THE BOY COULD RECALL HOW, ON HIS WALKING EXCERCISE HE AND HIS GROUP HAD WALKED FROM THE CENTRE OF THE CITY TO LAKE SAGAMI


ALTHOUGH I'D BEEN A LOT LIGHTER DRESSED BACK THEN SO IT WAS MORE COMFORTABLE
H HOWEVER, THIS TIME MY LIFE'S ON THE LINE!
I CAN'T BE COMPLAINING
HE WAS PASSING THROUGH HACHIOUJI IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT
WHAT'S THAT, I'M STILL IN HACHIOUJI EH
I THOUGHT I'D HAVE WALKED FURTHER BY NOW...


WHERE ARE MUM AND THE OTHERS LIKELY TO HAVE HEADED?
TO THE NORTH LAY THE CHICHIBU MOUNTAINS, TO THE WEST THE KANTO MOUNTAINS, WHILE THE TANZAWA MOUNTAINS LAY TO THE SOUTH, AND MOUNT FUJI TO THE SOUTH-WEST... ALL REQUIRED DIFFERENT ROUTES
I RECKON THEY WOULD'VE CHOSEN TO GO SOMEWHERE THEY WERE AT LEAST FAMILIAR WITH, AND NOT A COMPLETELY UNKNOWN MOUNTAIN.
IN THAT CASE, MUM'S HOMETOWN WAS NEAR TO MOUNT FUJI
ALRIGHT THEN, I'LL HEAD TO MOUNT FUJI!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IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THE WATER HERE WOULD NEVER RECEDE, WHICH MADE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE...
AS OF SUCH THEY HEADED FOR HIGHER GROUNDS
THEY MAY WELL HAVE BEEN YOUR FAMILY
I MAY BE ABLE TO... MEET MUM, DAD AND SIS
NO, I'LL MEET THEM I'LL DEFINITELY MEET THEM!
HOLDING ON TO THE HOPE THAT HE'D BE ABLE TO MEET HIS FAMILY, THE BOY'S LEGS WERE SPURRED ON, AND HE QUICKENED HIS PACE

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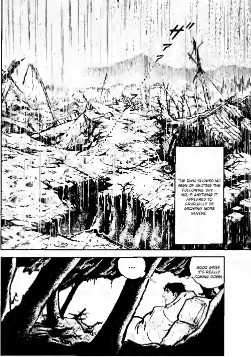
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THE RAIN SHOWED NO SIGN OF ABATING THE FOLLOWING DAY NO, IF ANYTHING IT APPEARED TO GRADUALLY BE GROWING MORE SEVERE
GOOD GRIEF IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN
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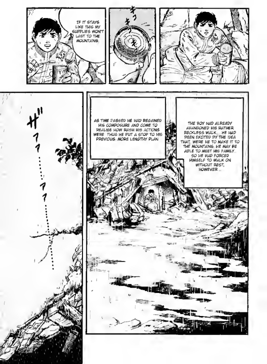
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IF IT STAYS LIKE THIS MY SUPPLIES WON'T LAST TO THE MOUNTAINS.
THE BOY HAD ALREADY ABANDONED HIS RATHER RECKLESS WALK... HE HAD BEEN EXCITED BY THE IDEA THAT WERE HE TO MAKE IT TO THE MOUNTAINS, HE MAY BE ABLE TO MEET HIS FAMILY... SO HE HAD FORCED HIMSELF TO WALK ON WITHOUT REST, HOWEVER...
AS TIME PASSED HE HAD REGAINED HIS COMPOSURE AND COME TO REALISE HOW RASH HIS ACTIONS WERE. THUS HE PUT A STOP TO HIS PREVIOUS, MORE LENGTHY PLAN.
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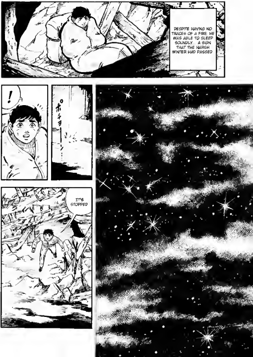
DESPITE HAVING NO TRACES OF A FIRE HE WAS ABLE TO SLEEP SOUNDLY A SIGN THAT THE HARSH WINTER HAD PASSED
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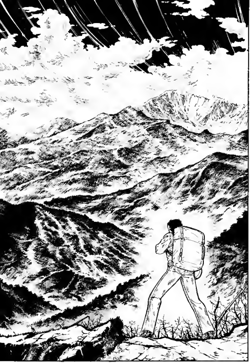
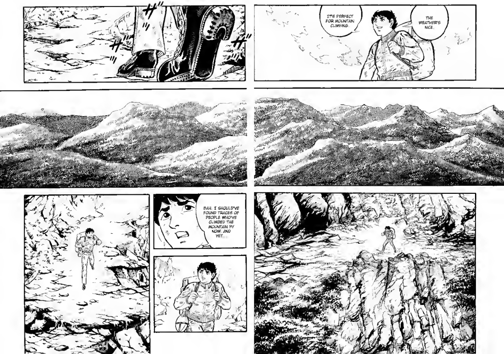
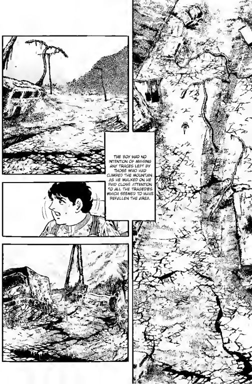
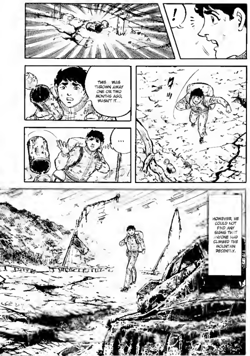
IT'S STOPPED




THE WEATHER'S NICE.
IT'S PERFECT FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.
BAH. I SHOULD'VE FOUND TRACES OF PEOPLE WHO'VE CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN BY NOW, AND YET...


THE BOY HAD NO INTENTION OF MISSING ANY TRACES LEFT BY THOSE WHO HAD CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN AS HE WALKED ON HE PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO ALL THE TRAGEDIES WHICH SEEMED TO HAVE BEFALLEN THE AREA.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THIS WAS THROWN AWAY ONE OR TWO MONTHS AGO, WASN'T IT...
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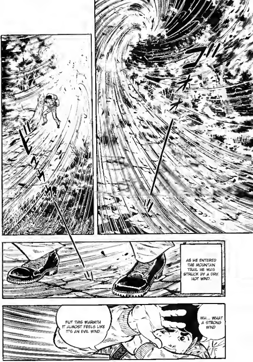
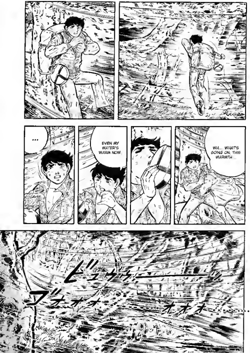
HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT FIND ANY SIGNS THAT ANYONE HAD CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN RECENTLY.


AS HE ENTERED THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL HE WAS STRUCK BY A DRY HOT WIND...
WH... WHAT A STRONG WIND
BUT THIS WARMTH IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE IT'S AN EVIL WIND...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EVEN MY WATER'S WARM NOW
WH... WHAT'S GOING ON, THIS WARMTH
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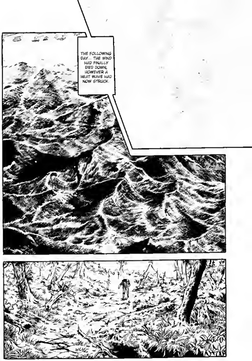
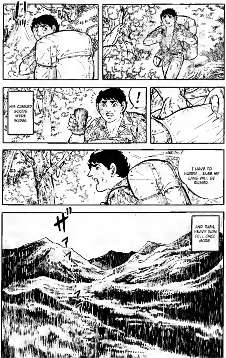

THE FOLLOWING DAY... THE WIND HAD FINALLY DIED DOWN, HOWEVER A HEAT WAVE HAD NOW STRUCK.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HIS CANNED GOODS WERE WARM.
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I HAVE TO HURRY... ELSE MY CANS WILL BE RUINED.
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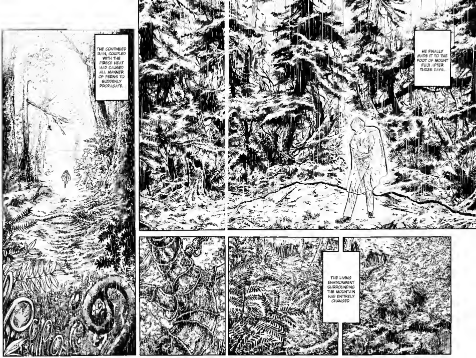
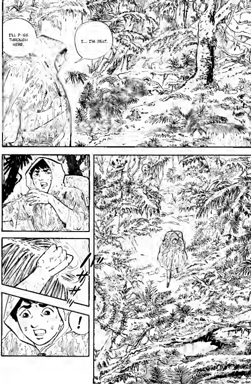
AND THEN, HEAVY RAIN FELL ONCE MORE


HE FINALLY MADE IT TO THE FOOT OF MOUNT FUJI AFTER THREE DAYS..
THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT SURROUNDING THE MOUNTAIN HAD ENTIRELY CHANGED
THE CONTINUED RAIN, COUPLED WITH THE FIRECE HEAT HAD CAUSED ALL MANNER OF FERNS TO SUDDENLY PROPAGATE.


I... I'M BEAT.
I'LL PASS THROUGH HERE.
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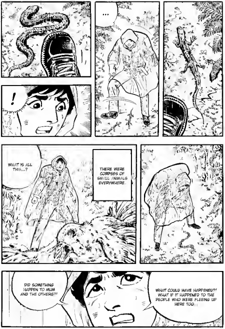
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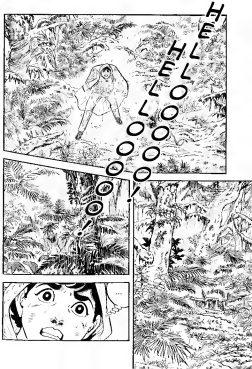
WHAT IS ALL THIS...?
THERE WERE CORPSES OF SMALL ANIMALS EVERYWHERE.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO MUM AND THE OTHERS?!
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?! WHAT IF IT HAPPENED TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE FLEEING UP HERE TOO...


HELLOOOOO!
HELLOOOOO!
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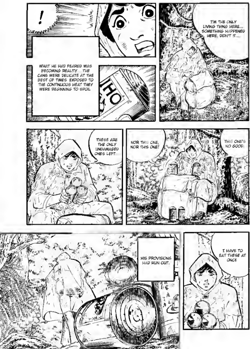
I'M THE ONLY LIVING THING HERE... SOMETHING HAPPENED HERE, DIDN'T IT...
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WHAT HE HAD FEARED WAS BECOMING REALITY THE CANS WERE DELICATE AT THE BEST OF TIMES EXPOSED TO THE CONTINUOUS HEAT THEY WERE BEGINNING TO SPOIL
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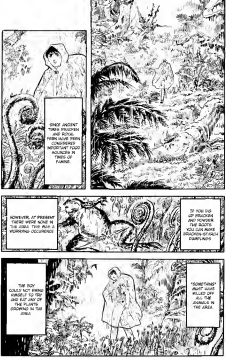
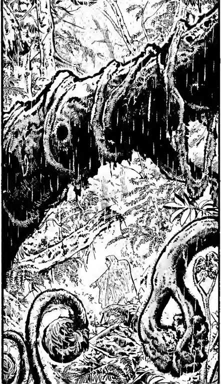
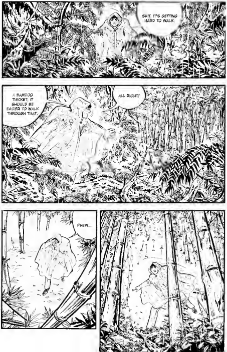
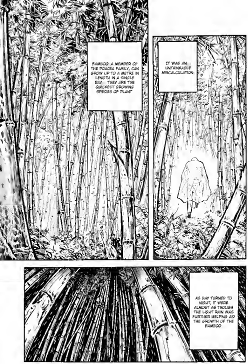
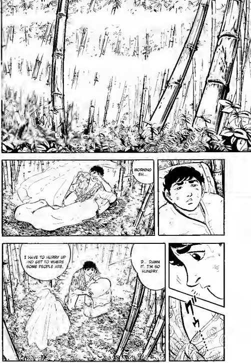
THIS ONE'S NO GOOD.
NOR THIS ONE, NOR THIS ONE!
THESE ARE THE ONLY UNDAMAGED ONES LEFT
I HAVE TO EAT THESE AT ONCE
HIS PROVISIONS HAD RUN OUT.


SINCE ANCIENT TIMES BRACKEN AND ROYAL FERN HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IMPORTANT FOOD SOURCES IN TIMES OF FAMINE.
IF YOU DIG UP BRACKEN AND POWDER THE ROOTS YOU CAN MAKE BRACKEN-STARCH DUMPLINGS
HOWEVER, AT PRESENT THERE WERE NONE IN THE AREA THIS WAS A WORRYING OCCURENCE
"SOMETHING" MUST HAVE KILLED OFF ALL THE ANIMALS IN THE AREA.
THE BOY COULD NOT BRING HIMSELF TO TRY AND EAT ANY OF THE PLANTS GROWING IN THE AREA




SHIT. IT'S GETTING HARD TO WALK
A BAMBOO THICKET. IT SHOULD BE EASIER TO WALK THROUGH THAT.
ALL RIGHT!
PHEW...


IT WAS AN UNTHINKABLE MISCALCULATION.
BAMBOO, A MEMBER OF THE POACEA FAMILY, CAN GROW UP TO A METRE IN LENGTH IN A SINGLE DAY... THEY ARE THE QUICKEST GROWING SPECIES OF PLANT
AS DAY TURNED TO NIGHT, IT WERE ALMOST AS THOUGH THE LIGHT RAIN WAS FURTHER HELPING AID THE GROWTH OF THE BAMBOO


MORNING EH...
D... DAMN IT. I'M SO HUNGRY.
I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND GET TO WHERE SOME PEOPLE ARE.
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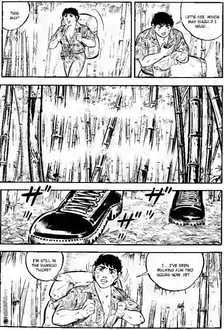
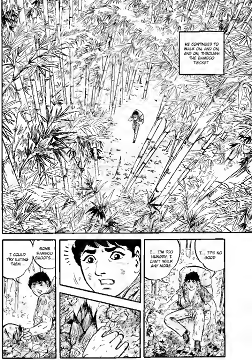
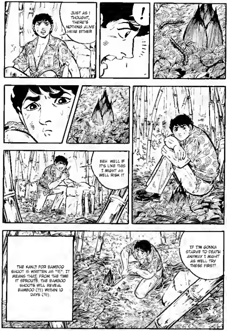

LET'S SEE. WHICH WAY SHOULD I HEAD...
THIS WAY!
I... I'VE BEEN WALKING FOR TWO HOURS NOW YET
I'M STILL IN THE BAMBOO THICKET


HE CONTINUED TO WALK ON, AND ON, AND ON, THROUGH THE BAMBOO THICKET
I... IT'S NO GOOD
I... I'M TOO HUNGRY. I CAN'T WALK ANY MORE
SOME BAMBOO SHOOTS...
I COULD TRY EATING THEM


JUST AS I THOUGHT, THERE'S NOTHING ALIVE HERE EITHER
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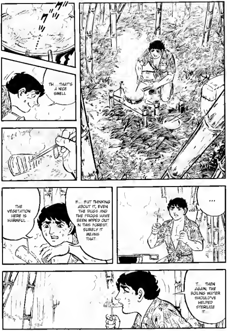
BEH WELL IF IT'S LIKE THIS I MIGHT AS WELL RISK IT
THE KANJI FOR BAMBOO SHOOT IS WRITTEN AS "筍". IT MEANS THAT FROM THE TIME IT SPROUTS, THE BAMBOO SHOOTS WILL REVEAL BAMBOO (竹) WITHIN 10 DAYS (旬).
IF I'M GONNA STARVE TO DEATH ANYWAY I MIGHT AS WELL TRY THESE FIRST!!


TH... THAT'S A NICE SMELL
THE VEGETATION HERE IS HARMFUL...
B... BUT THINKING ABOUT IT, EVEN THE BUGS AND THE FROGS HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT IN THIS FOREST. SURELY IT MEANS THAT...
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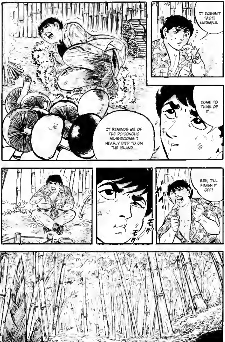
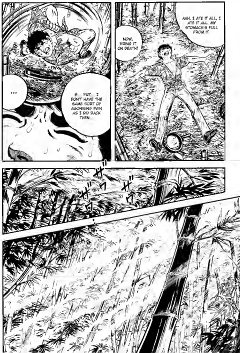
T... THEN AGAIN, THE BOILING WATER SHOULD'VE HELPED STERILIZE IT...


IT DOESN'T TASTE HARMFUL
COME TO THINK OF IT...
IT REMINDS ME OF THE POISONOUS MUSHROOMS I NEARLY DIED TO ON THE ISLAND.
EEH, I'LL FINISH IT OFF!


AAH, I ATE IT ALL, I ATE IT ALL. MY STOMACH'S FULL FROM IT.
NOW, BRING IT ON DEATH!
B... BUT... I DON'T HAVE THE SAME SORT OF AGONISING PAIN AS I DID BACK THEN...
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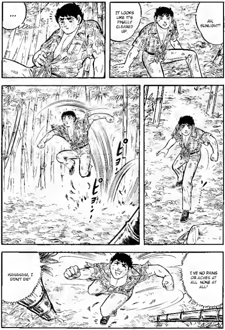
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S FINALLY CLEARED UP.
AH, SUNLIGHT!
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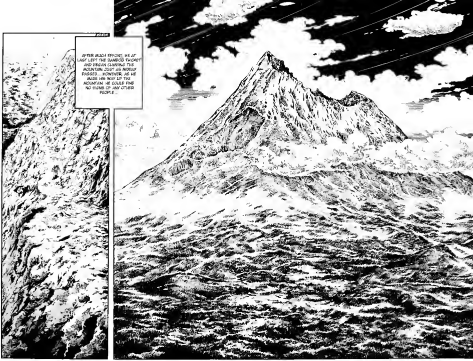
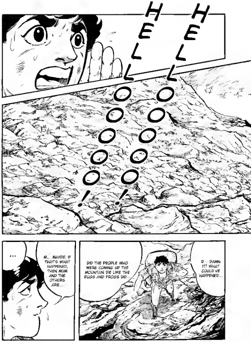
I'VE NO PAINS OR ACHES AT ALL. NONE AT ALL!
HAHAHAHA, I DIDN'T DIE!


AFTER MUCH EFFORT, HE AT LAST LEFT THE BAMBOO THICKET AND BEGAN CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN JUST AS MIDDAY PASSED... HOWEVER, AS HE MADE HIS WAY UP THE MOUNTAIN, HE COULD FIND NO SIGNS OF ANY OTHER PEOPLE...


HELLOOOOO!
HELLOOOOO!
D... DAMN IT! WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED...
DID THE PEOPLE WHO WERE COMING UP THE MOUNTAIN DIE LIKE THE BUGS AND FROGS DID
M... MAYBE IF THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, THEN MUM AND THE OTHERS ARE...
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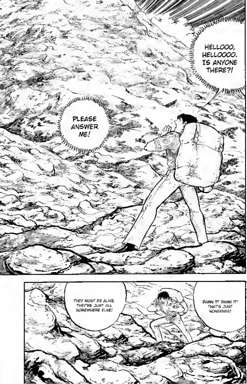
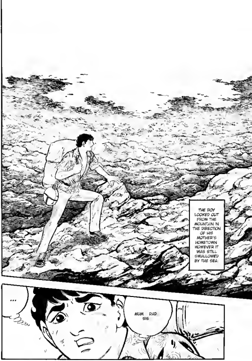

HELLOOO, HELLOOOO. IS ANYONE THERE?!
PLEASE ANSWER ME!
DAMN IT! DAMN IT! THAT'S JUST NONSENSE!
THEY MUST BE ALIVE, THEY'RE JUST ALL SOMEWHERE ELSE!


THE BOY LOOKED OUT FROM THE MOUNTAIN IN THE DIRECTION OF HIS MOTHER'S HOMETOWN HOWEVER IT WAS STILL SWALLOWED BY THE SEA
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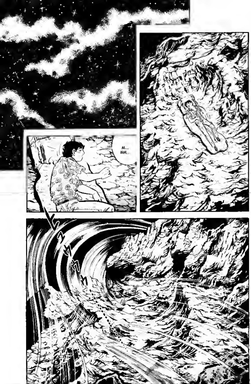
MUM DAD SIS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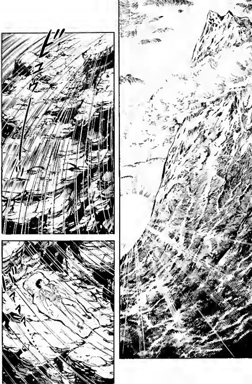
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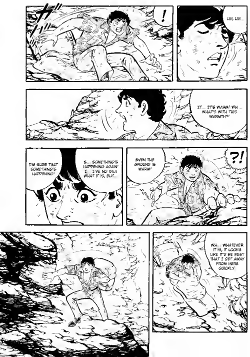
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IT... IT'S WARM! WH... WHAT'S WITH THIS WARMTH?!
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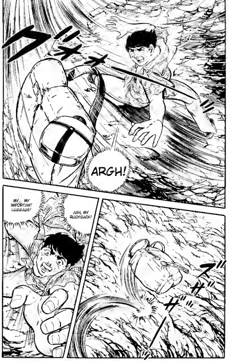
EVEN THE GROUND IS WARM!
S... SOMETHING'S HAPPENING AGAIN! I... I'VE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS, BUT...
I'M SURE THAT SOMETHING'S HAPPENING!
WH... WHATEVER IT IS, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'D BE BEST THAT I GET AWAY FROM HERE QUICKLY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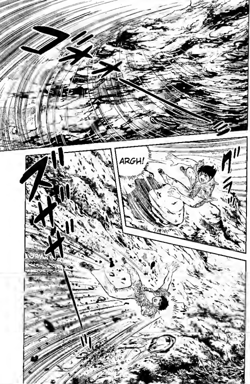
AAH, MY RUCKSACK!
MY MY IMPORTANT LUGGAGE!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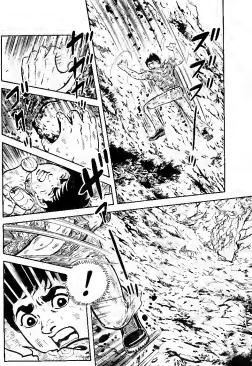
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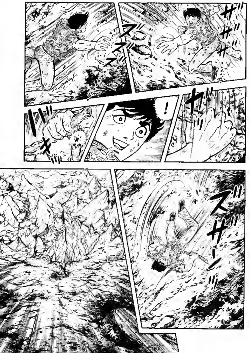
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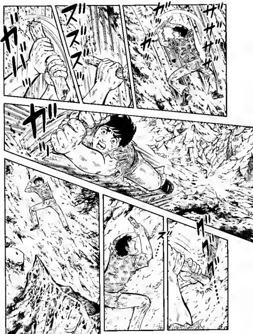
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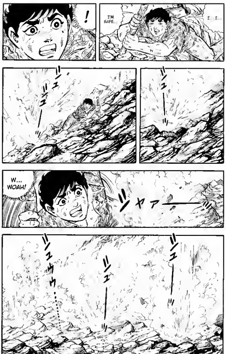
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I'M SAFE...
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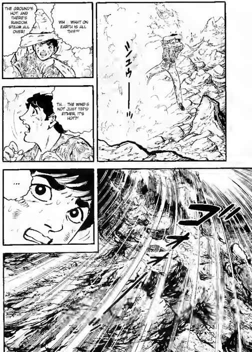
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WH... WHAT ON EARTH IS ALL THIS?!
THE GROUND'S HOT AND THERE'S RANDOM STEAM ALL OVER!
TH... THE WIND'S NOT JUST TEPID EITHER, IT'S HOT?!
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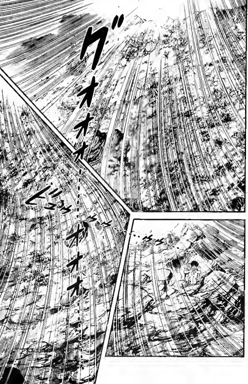
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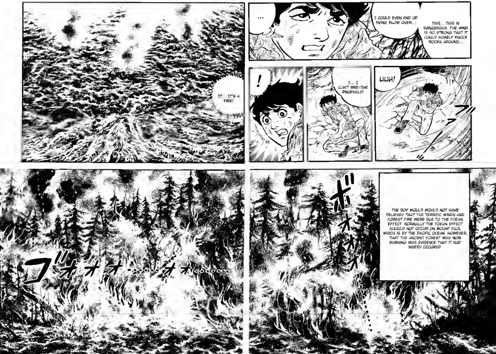
THIS.... THIS IS DANGEROUS. THE WIND IS SO STRONG THAT IT COULD SURELY KNOCK ROCKS AROUND...
I COULD EVEN END UP BEING BLOW OVER...
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UUH!
I... I CAN'T BREATHE PROPERLY!
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IT... IT'S A FIRE!
THE BOY WOULD WOULD NOT HAVE BELIEVED THAT THE TERRIFIC WINDS AND FOREST FIRE WERE DUE TO THE FOEHN EFFECT. NORMALLY THE FOEHN EFFECT SHOULD NOT OCCUR ON MOUNT FUJI, WHICH IS BY THE PACIFIC OCEAN. HOWEVER, THAT THE ANCIENT FOREST WAS NOW BURNING WAS EVIDENCE THAT IT HAD INDEED OCCURED
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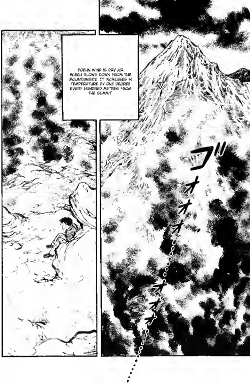
FOEHN WIND IS DRY AIR WHICH BLOWS DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINSIDE IT INCREASES IN TEMPERATURE BY ONE DEGREE EVERY HUNDRED METRES FROM THE SUMMIT
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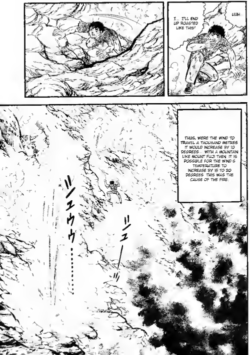
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I... I'LL END UP ROASTED LIKE THIS!
THUS, WERE THE WIND TO TRAVEL A THOUSAND METRES IT WOULD INCREASE BY 10 DEGREES... WITH A MOUNTAIN LIKE MOUNT FUJI THEN IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE WIND'S TEMPERATURE TO INCREASE BY 15 TO 20 DEGREES. THIS WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.
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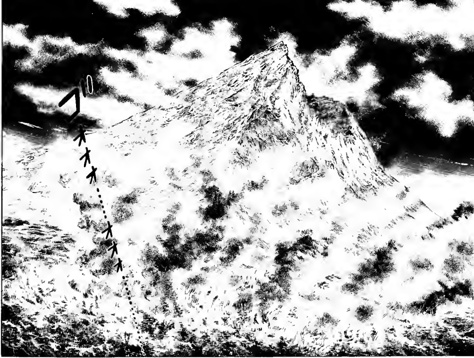
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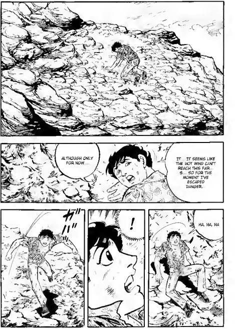
IT... IT SEEMS LIKE THE HOT WIND CAN'T REACH THIS FAR... S... SO FOR THE MOMENT I'VE ESCAPED DANGER.
ALTHOUGH ONLY FOR NOW...
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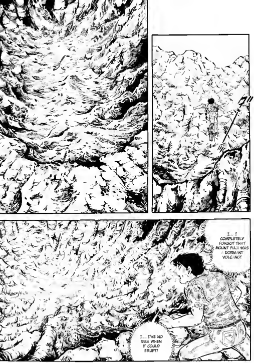
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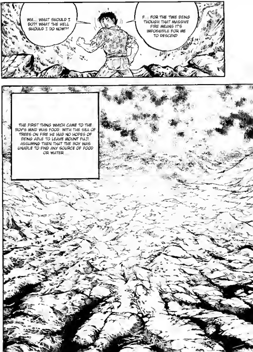
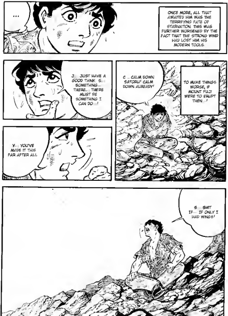
I... I COMPLETELY FORGOT THAT MOUNT FUJI WAS A DORMANT VOLCANO!
I... I'VE NO IDEA WHEN IT COULD ERUPT!


WH... WHAT SHOULD I DO?! WHAT THE HELL SHOULD I DO NOW?!
F... FOR THE TIME BEING THOUGH THAT MASSIVE FIRE MEANS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO DESCEND
THE FIRST THING WHICH CAME TO THE BOY'S MIND WAS FOOD WITH THE SEA OF TREES ON FIRE HE HAD NO HOPES OF BEING ABLE TO LEAVE MOUNT FUJI ASSUMING THEN THAT THE BOY WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY SOURCE OF FOOD OR WATER


ONCE MORE, ALL THAT AWAITED HIM WAS THE TERRIFYING FATE OF STARVATION. THIS WAS FURTHER WORSENED BY THE FACT THAT THE STRONG WIND HAD LOST HIM HIS MODERN TOOLS.
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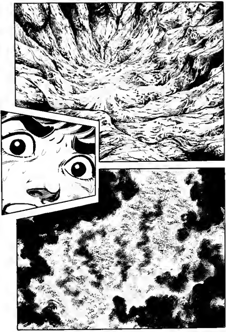
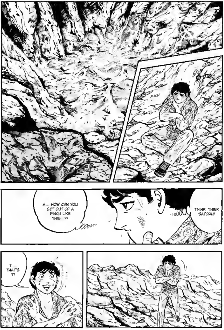
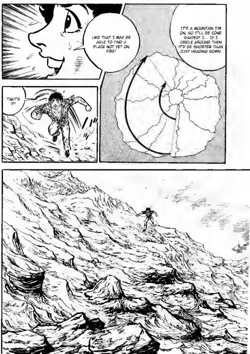
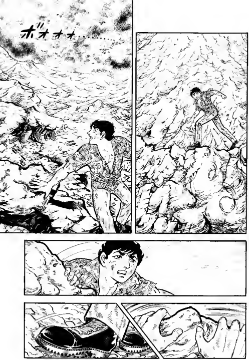
TO MAKE THINGS WORSE, IF MOUNT FUJI WERE TO ERUPT THEN...!
C... CALM DOWN SATORU! CALM DOWN ALREADY!
J... JUST HAVE A GOOD THINK. S... SOMETHING... THERE... THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I CAN DO...!
Y... YOU'VE MADE IT THIS FAR AFTER ALL
S... SHIT IF... IF ONLY I HAD WINGS!




THINK THINK SATORU!
H... HOW CAN YOU GET OUT OF A PINCH LIKE THIS ?!
T THAT'S IT!


IT'S A MOUNTAIN I'M ON, SO IT'LL BE CONE SHAPED! I... IF I CIRCLE AROUND THEN IT'D BE SHORTER THAN JUST HEADING DOWN
LIKE THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND A PLACE NOT YET ON FIRE!
THAT'S IT!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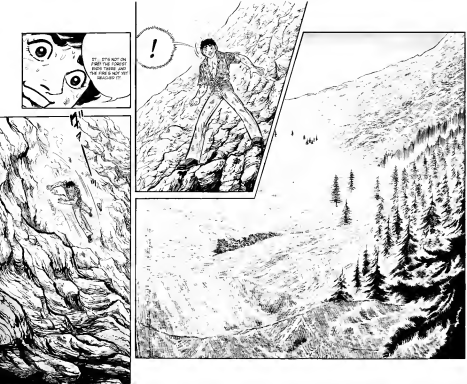
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IT... IT'S NOT ON FIRE! THE FOREST ENDS THERE AND THE FIRE'S NOT YET REACHED IT!
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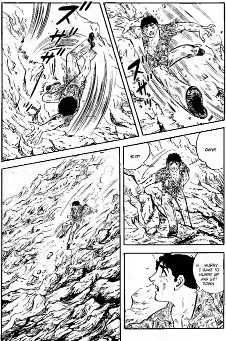ズザザ
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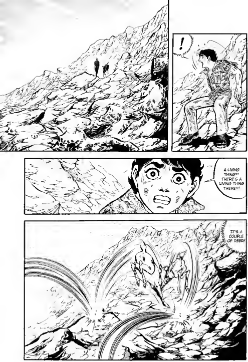
SHIT!
H HURRY I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND GET DOWN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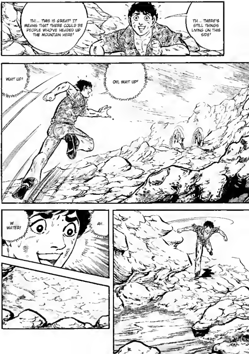
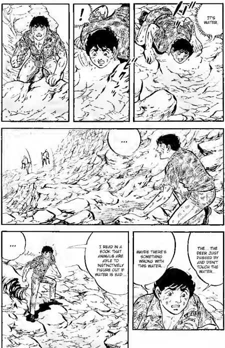
A LIVING THING?! THERE'S A LIVING THING THERE?!
IT'S A COUPLE OF DEER!


TH… THERE'S STILL THINGS LIVING ON THIS SIDE!
THI… THIS IS GREAT! IT MEANS THAT THERE COULD BE PEOPLE WHO'VE HEADED UP THE MOUNTAIN HERE!
OII, WAIT UP!
WAIT UP!
AH…
W WATER!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IT'S WATER.
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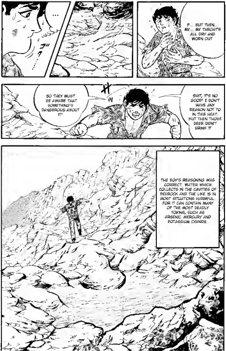
I READ IN A BOOK THAT ANIMALS ARE ABLE TO INSTINCTIVELY FIGURE OUT IF WATER IS BAD...
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS WATER...
THE... THE DEER JUST PASSED BY AND DIDN'T TOUCH THE WATER...


B... BUT THEN... MY... MY THROAT'S ALL DRY AND WORN OUT
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SHIT, IT'S NO GOOD! I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON NOT TO IN THIS HEAT BUT THEN THOSE DEER DIDN'T DRINK IT
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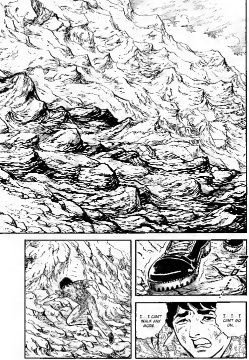
SO THEY MUST BE AWARE THAT SOMETHING'S DANGEROUS ABOUT IT!
THE BOY'S REASONING WAS CORRECT. WATER WHICH COLLECTS IN THE CAVITIES OF BEDROCK AND THE LIKE IS IN MOST SITUATIONS HARMFUL FOR IT CAN CONTAIN MANY OF THE MOST DEADLY TOXINS, SUCH AS ARSENIC, MERCURY AND POTASSIUM CYANIDE.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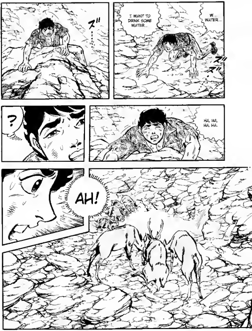
I… I… I CAN'T GO ON…
I… I CAN'T WALK ANY MORE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I WANT TO DRINK SOME WATER…
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HA, HA, HA, HA.
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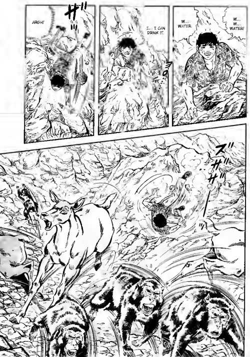
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I... I CAN DRINK IT.
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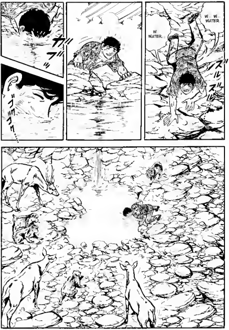
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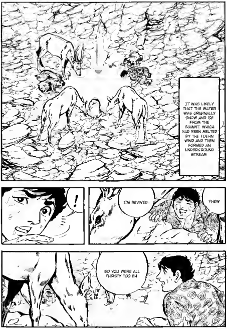
IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE WATER WAS ORIGINALLY SNOW AND ICE FROM THE SUMMIT WHICH HAD BEEN MELTED BY THE FOEHN WIND AND THEN FORMED AN UNDERGROUND STREAM
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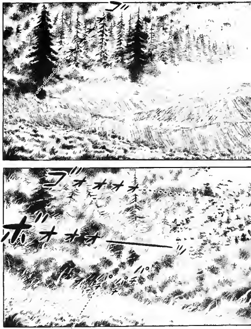
I'M REVIVED
PHEW
SO YOU WERE ALL THIRSTY TOO EH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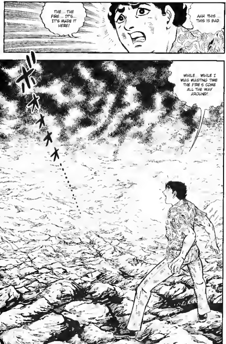
AAH THIS THIS IS BAD
THE... THE FIRE... IT'S... IT'S MADE IT HERE!
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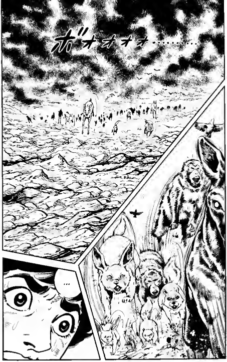
WHILE... WHILE I WAS WASTING TIME THE FIRE'S COME ALL THE WAY AROUND!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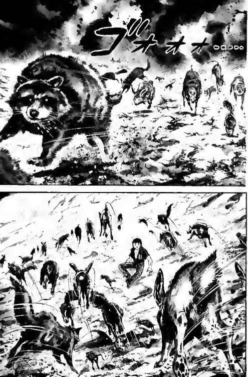
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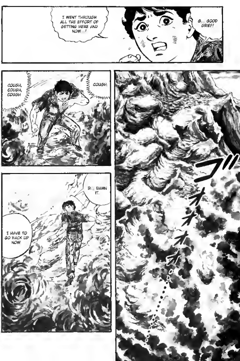
I WENT THROUGH ALL THE EFFORT OF GETTING HERE AND NOW...!
G... GOOD GRIEF!
COUGH, COUGH, COUGH
COUGH
D... DAMN IT.
I HAVE TO GO BACK UP NOW
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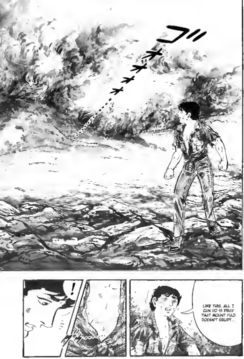
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LIKE THIS... ALL I CAN DO IS PRAY THAT MOUNT FUJI DOESN'T ERUPT...
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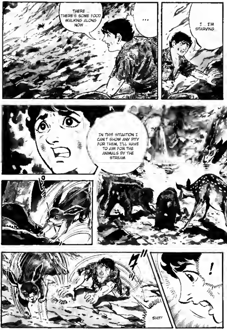
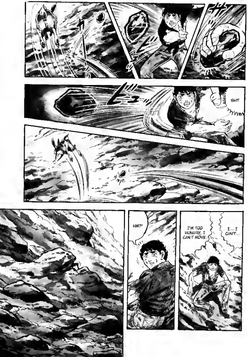
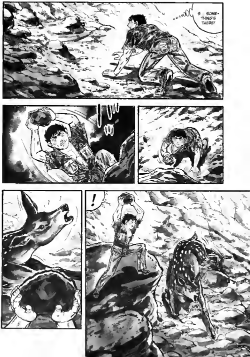

THERE ... THERE'S SOME FOOD WALKING ALONG NOW ...
...
I ... I'M STARVING
IN THIS SITUATION I CAN'T SHOW ANY PITY FOR THEM. I'LL HAVE TO AIM FOR THE ANIMALS BY THE STREAM
!
SHIT!


SHIT
I... I CAN'T...
I'M TOO HUNGRY I CAN'T MOVE
HM?!


S... SOMETHING'S THERE!
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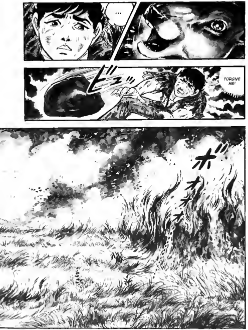
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FORGIVE ME!
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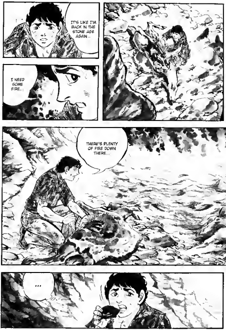
IT'S LIKE I'M BACK IN THE STONE AGE AGAIN...
I NEED SOME FIRE...
THERE'S PLENTY OF FIRE DOWN THERE...
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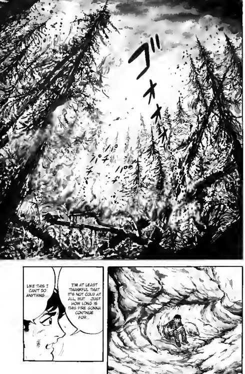
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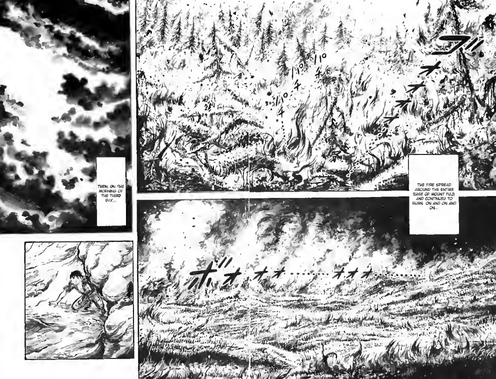
I'M AT LEAST THANKFUL THAT IT'S NOT COLD AT ALL, BUT JUST HOW LONG IS THIS FIRE GONNA CONTINUE FOR...
LIKE THIS I CAN'T DO ANYTHING...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THE FIRE SPREAD AROUND THE ENTIRE BASE OF MOUNT FUJI AND CONTINUED TO BURN ON AND ON AND ON...
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THEN, ON THE MORNING OF THE THIRD DAY...

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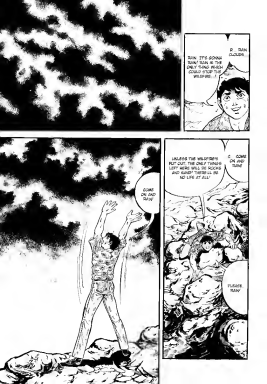
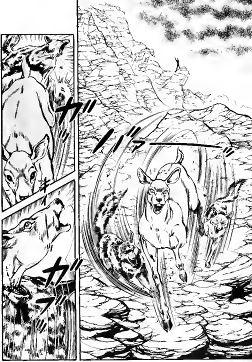

R... RAIN CLOUDS...
RAIN. IT'S GONNA RAIN! RAIN IS THE ONLY THING WHICH COULD STOP THE WILDFIRE...!
C... COME ON AND RAIN!
UNLESS THE WILDFIRE'S PUT OUT, THE ONLY THINGS LEFT HERE WILL BE ROCKS AND SAND! THERE'LL BE NO LIFE AT ALL!
PLEASE, RAIN!
COME ON AND RAIN!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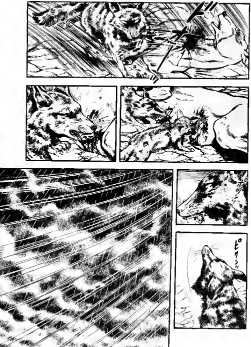
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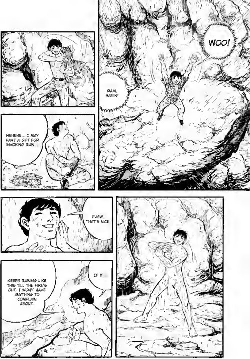
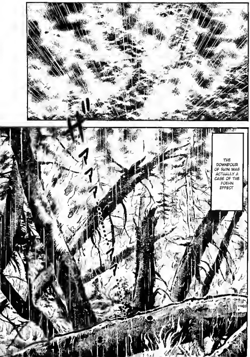

RAIN, RAIIIN!
WOO!
HEHEHE... I MAY HAVE A GIFT FOR INVOKING RAIN
PHEW... THAT'S NICE
IF IT
KEEPS RAINING LIKE THIS TILL THE FIRE'S OUT, I WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT.


THE DOWNPOUR OF RAIN WAS ACTUALLY A CASE OF THE FOEHN EFFECT
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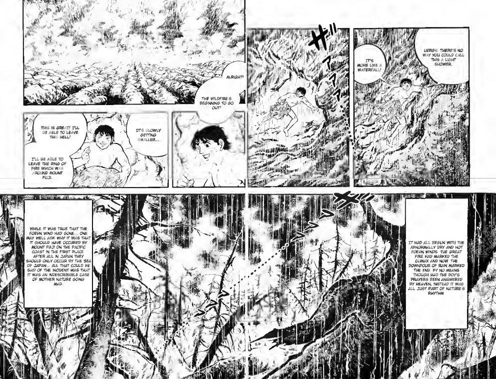
UERGH. THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD CALL THIS A LIGHT SHOWER.
IT'S MORE LIKE A WATERFALL!
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ALRIGHT!
THE WILDFIRE'S BEGINNING TO GO OUT!
IT'S SLOWLY GETTING SMALLER...
THIS IS GREAT! I'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE THIS HELL!
I'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE RING OF FIRE WHICH WAS AROUND MOUNT FUJI.
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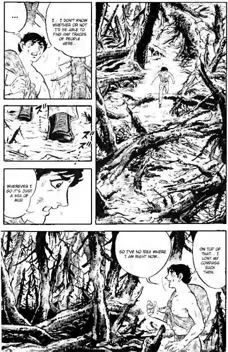
IT HAD ALL BEGUN WITH THE ABNORMALLY DRY AND HOT FOEHN WINDS. THE GREAT FIRE HAD MARKED THE CLIMAX AND NOW THE DOWNPOUR OF RAIN MARKED THE END. BY NO MEANS THOUGH HAD THE BOY'S PRAYERS BEEN ANSWERED BY HEAVEN, INSTEAD IT WAS ALL JUST PART OF NATURE'S RHYTHM.
WHILE IT WAS TRUE THAT THE FOEHN WIND HAD GONE... ONE MAY WELL ASK WHY IT WAS THAT IT SHOULD HAVE OCCURED BY MOUNT FUJI ON THE PACIFIC COAST IN THE FIRST PLACE AFTER ALL IN JAPAN THEY SHOULD ONLY OCCUR BY THE SEA OF JAPAN... ALL THAT COULD BE SAID OF THE INCIDENT WAS THAT IT WAS AN INDESCRIBABLE CASE OF MOTHER NATURE GOING MAD.

...
I... I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT I'D BE ABLE TO FIND ANY TRACES OF PEOPLE HERE...
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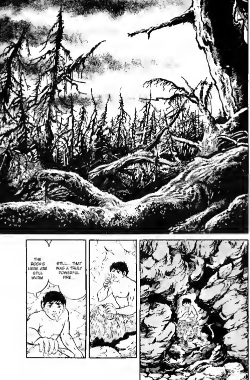
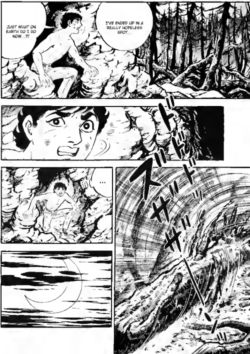
WHEREVER I GO IT'S JUST A SEA OF MUD
SO I'VE NO IDEA WHERE I AM RIGHT NOW...
ON TOP OF THAT... I LOST MY COMPASS BACK THEN.


THE ROCK'S HERE ARE STILL WARM
STILL... THAT WAS A TRULY POWERFUL FIRE


I'VE ENDED UP IN A REALLY HOPELESS SPOT...
JUST WHAT ON EARTH DO I DO NOW...?!
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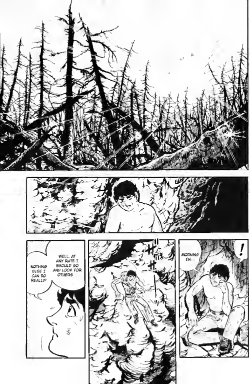
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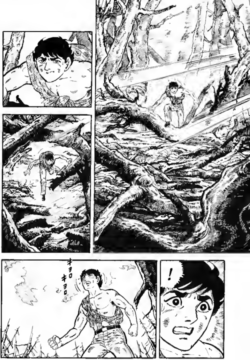
MORNING EH
WELL, AT ANY RATE I SHOULD GO AND LOOK FOR OTHERS
NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO REALLY!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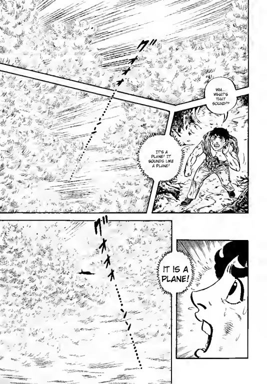
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WH... WHAT'S THAT SOUND!?
IT'S A PLANE! IT SOUNDS LIKE A PLANE!
IT IS A PLANE!
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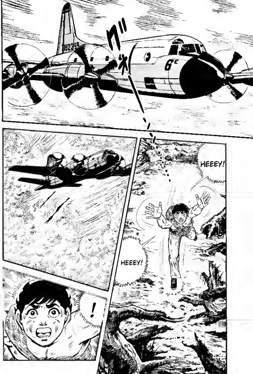
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HEEEY!
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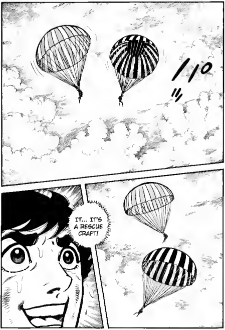
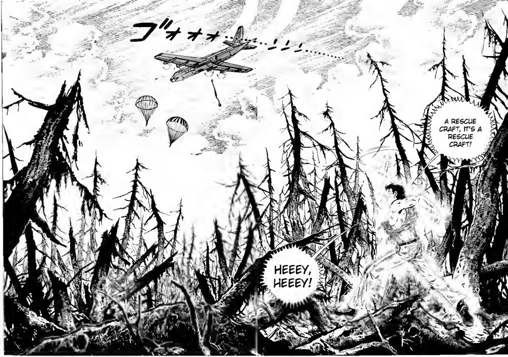

IT... IT'S A RESCUE CRAFT!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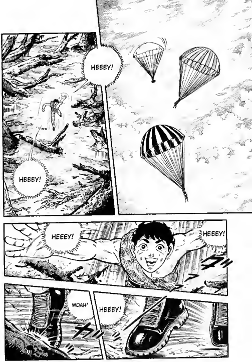
A RESCUE CRAFT, IT'S A RESCUE CRAFT!
HEEEY, HEEEY!


HEEEY!
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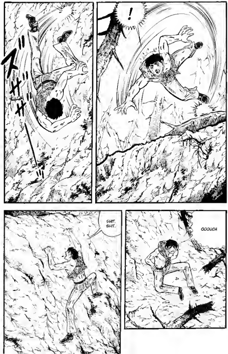
HEEEY!
WOAH!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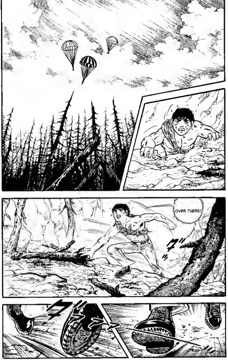
OOOUCH
SHIT,
SHIT.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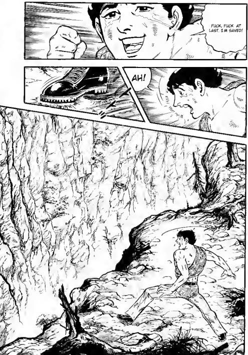
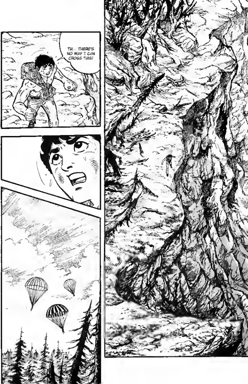
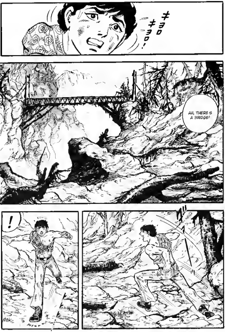

FUCK, FUCK AT LAST I'M SAVED!
AH!


TH... THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CROSS THIS!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AH, THERE'S A BRIDGE!
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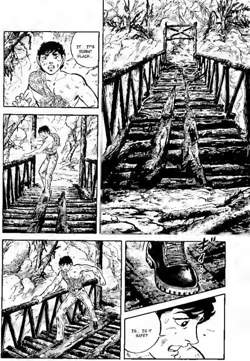
IT... IT'S BURNT BLACK...
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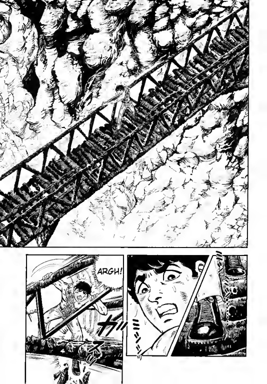
IS... IS IT SAFE?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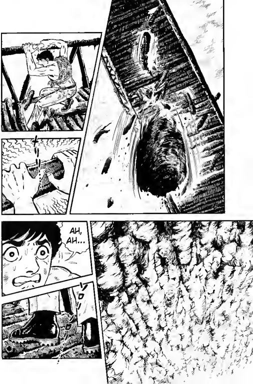
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AH, AH...
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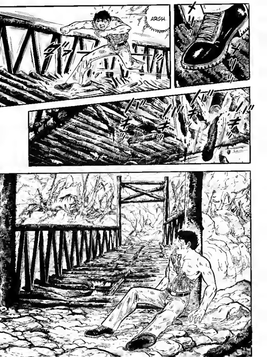
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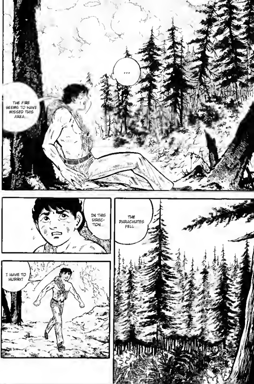
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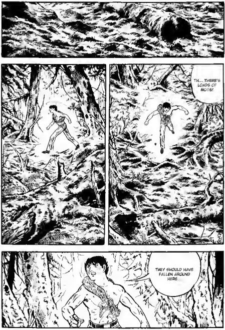
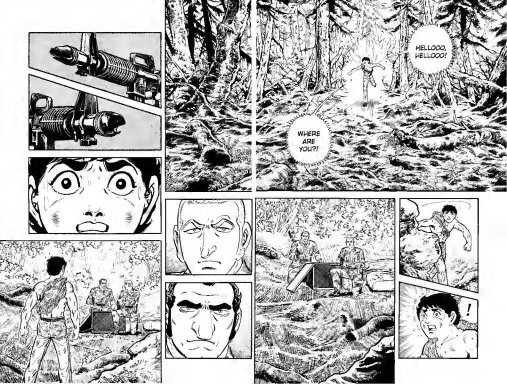
THE FIRE SEEMS TO HAVE MISSED THIS AREA...
IN THIS DIRECTION...
THE PARACHUTES FELL...
I HAVE TO HURRY!


TH... THERE'S LOADS OF MOSS!
THEY SHOULD HAVE FALLEN AROUND HERE...


HELLOOO, HELLOOO!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
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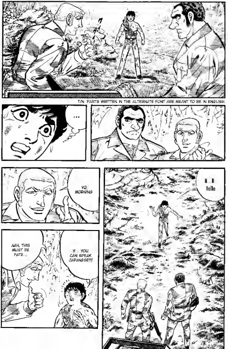
T/N PARTS WRITTEN IN THE ALTERNATE FONT ARE MEANT TO BE IN ENGLISH
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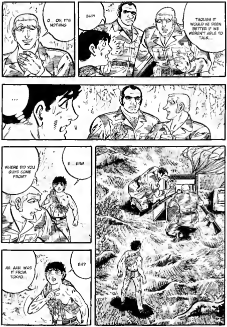
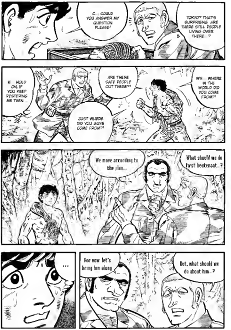
Hello
YO MORNING
Y YOU CAN SPEAK JAPANESE?!
AAH, THIS MUST BE FATE...


THOUGH IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF WE WEREN'T ABLE TO TALK...
EH?!
O... OH, IT'S NOTHING
...
E... ERM
WHERE DID YOU GUYS COME FROM?
EH?
AH, AAH, WAS IT FROM TOKYO


TOKYO? THAT'S SURPRISING. ARE THERE STILL PEOPLE LIVING OVER THERE...?
C... COULD YOU ANSWER MY QUESTION PLEASE!
WH... WHERE IN THE WORLD DID YOU COME FROM?!
ARE THERE SAFE PEOPLE OUT THERE?!
JUST WHERE DID YOU GUYS COME FROM?!
H... HOLD ON, IF YOU KEEP PESTERING ME THEN...
What should we do first lieutenant...?
We move according to the plan...
But, what should we do about him...?
For now let's bring him along
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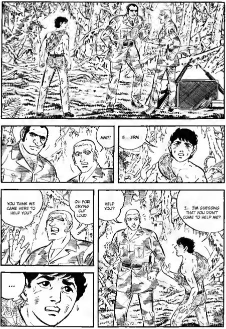
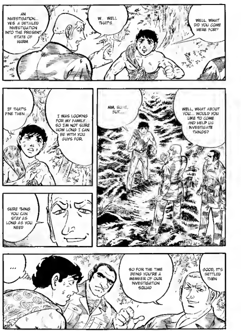

MM?!
E... ERM
YOU THINK WE CAME HERE TO HELP YOU?
OH FOR CRYING OUT LOUD
...
HELP YOU?
I... I'M GUESSING THAT YOU DIDN'T COME TO HELP ME?


WELL, WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
AN INVESTIGATION... YES A DETAILED INVESTIGATION INTO THE PRESENT STATE OF HARM
W... WELL THAT'S
WELL, WHAT ABOUT YOU... WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME AND HELP US INVESTIGATE THINGS?
MM, SURE, BUT...
I WAS LOOKING FOR MY FAMILY SO I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG I CAN BE WITH YOU GUYS FOR.
IF THAT'S FINE THEN
SURE THING YOU CAN STAY AS LONG AS YOU NEED
GOOD, IT'S SETTLED THEN
SO FOR THE TIME BEING YOU'RE A MEMBER OF OUR INVESTIGATION SQUAD
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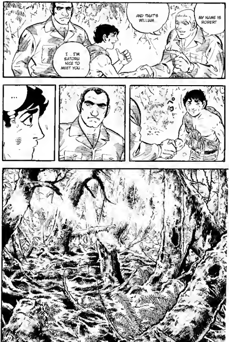
MY NAME IS ROBERT
AND THAT'S WILLIAM
I I'M SATORU NICE TO MEET YOU...
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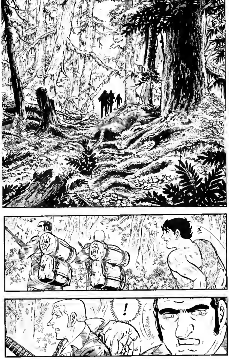

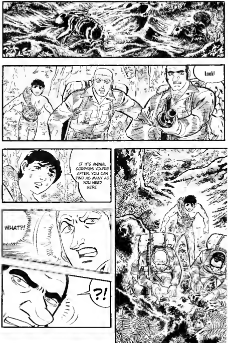
Look!
IF IT'S ANIMAL CORPSES YOU'RE AFTER, YOU CAN FIND AS MANY AS YOU NEED HERE
WHAT?!
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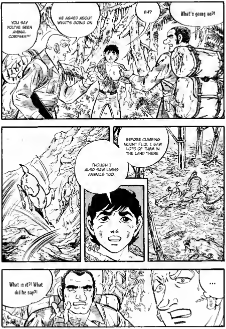
What's going on?!
EH?
HE ASKED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON
YOU SAY YOU'VE SEEN ANIMAL CORPSES?!
BEFORE CLIMBING MOUNT FUJI, I SAW LOTS OF THEM IN THE LAND THERE
THOUGH I ALSO SAW LIVING ANIMALS TOO.
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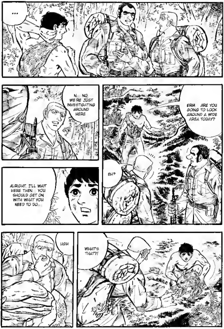
What is it?! What did he say?!


...
ERM ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK AROUND A WIDE AREA TODAY?
EH?
N NO WE'RE JUST INVESTIGATING AROUND HERE
ALRIGHT. I'LL WAIT HERE THEN YOU SHOULD GET ON WITH WHAT YOU NEED TO DO..
WHAT'S THAT?!
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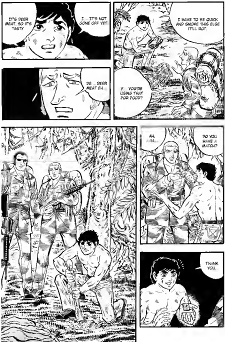
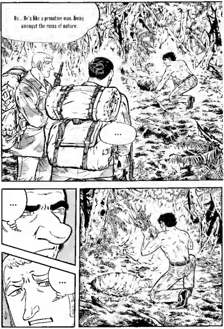

IT'S DEER MEAT SO IT'S TASTY
I... IT'S NOT GONE OFF YET
I HAVE TO BE QUICK AND SMOKE THIS ELSE IT'LL ROT.
Y... YOU'RE USING THAT FOR FOOD?
DE... DEER MEAT EH.
AH, AHH...
DO YOU HAVE A MATCH?
THANK YOU.


He... He's like a primitive man, living amongst the ruins of nature.
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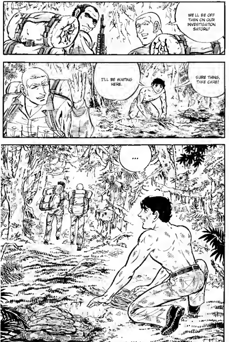
WE'LL BE OFF THEN ON OUR INVESTIGATION SATORU!
SURE THING, TAKE CARE!
I'LL BE WAITING HERE.
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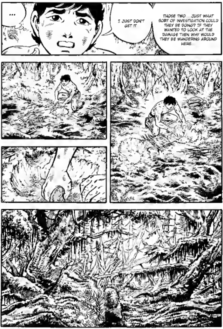
THOSE TWO JUST WHAT SORT OF INVESTIGATION COULD THEY BE DOING? IF THEY WANTED TO LOOK AT THE DAMAGE THEN WHY WOULD THEY BE WANDERING AROUND HERE
I JUST DON'T GET IT
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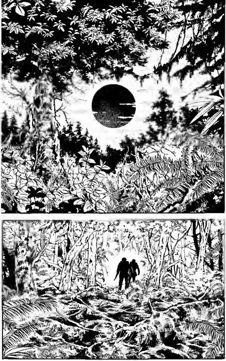

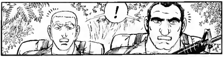
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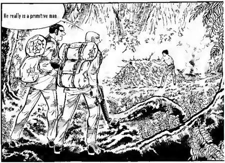
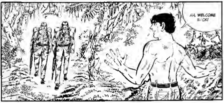
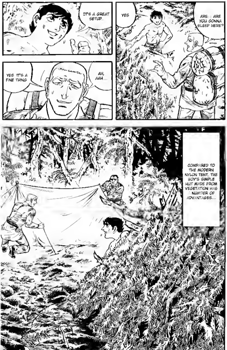
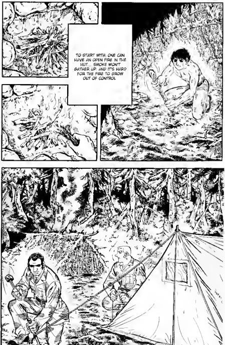
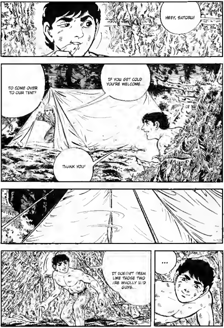

He really is a primitive man.


AH, WELCOME BACK!


ARE... ARE YOU GONNA SLEEP HERE?
YES
IT'S A GREAT SETUP.
AH, AAH...
YES. IT'S A FINE THING.
COMPARED TO THE MODERN NYLON TENT, THE BOY'S SIMPLE HUT MADE FROM VEGETATION HAS NUMBER OF ADVANTAGES...


TO START WITH, ONE CAN HAVE AN OPEN FIRE IN THE HUT... SMOKE WON'T GATHER UP, AND IT'S HARD FOR THE FIRE TO GROW OUT OF CONTROL


HEEY, SATORU!!
IF YOU GET COLD YOU'RE WELCOME...
TO COME OVER TO OUR TENT!
THANK YOU!
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THOSE TWO ARE WHOLLY BAD GUYS...
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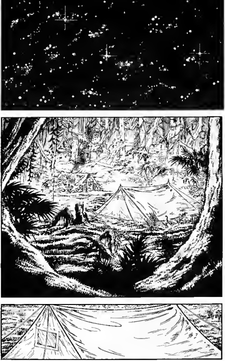

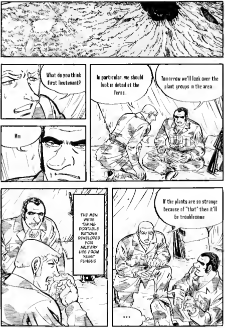
Tomorrow we'll look over the plant groups in the area
In particular, we should look in detail at the ferns.
What do you think first lieutenant?
Mm
If the plants are so strange because of "that" then it'll be troublesome
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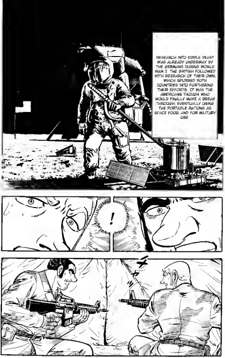
THE MEN WERE TAKING PORTABLE RATIONS DEVELOPED FOR MILITARY USE FROM YEAST FUNGUS


RESEARCH INTO EDIBLE YEAST WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY BY THE GERMANS DURING WORLD WAR I. THE BRITISH FOLLOWED WITH RESEARCH OF THEIR OWN, WHICH SPURRED BOTH COUNTRIES INTO FURTHERING THEIR EFFORTS. IT WAS THE AMERICANS THOUGH WHO WOULD FINALLY MAKE A BREAK THROUGH, EVENTUALLY USING THE PORTABLE RATIONS AS SPACE FOOD, AND FOR MILITARY USE
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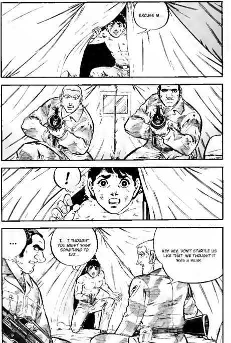
EXCUSE M...
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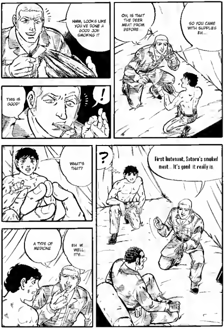
I... I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT SOMETHING TO EAT...
HEY HEY, DON'T STARTLE US LIKE THAT. WE THOUGHT IT WAS A BEAR.


SO YOU CAME WITH SUPPLIES EH...
OH, IS THAT THE DEER MEAT FROM BEFORE
HMM, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB SMOKING IT
THIS IS GOOD!
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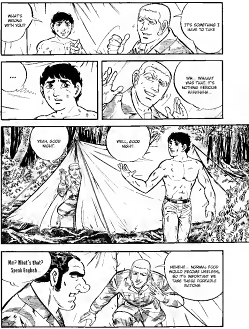
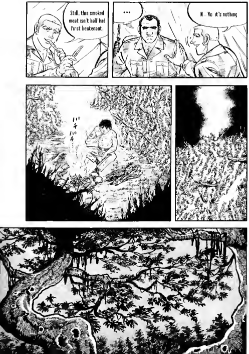
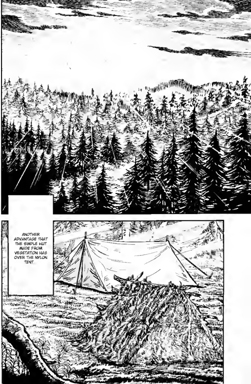
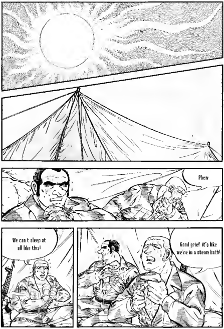
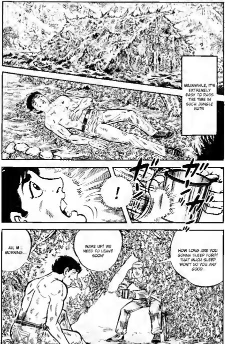
First liutenant, Satoru's smoked meat... It's good it really is.
WHAT'S THAT?
EH W WELL IT'S...
A TYPE OF MEDICINE


WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
IT'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TAKE
...
WH... WHAAAT WAS THAT. IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS HAHAHAHA...
YEAH, GOOD NIGHT.
WELL, GOOD NIGHT.
Mm? What's that? Speak English...
HEHEHE... NORMAL FOOD WOULD BECOME USELESS, SO IT'S IMPORTANT WE TAKE THESE PORTABLE RATIONS


Still, this smoked meat isn't half bad first lieutenant
…
N…No it's nothing
パチ パチ…


ANOTHER ADVANTAGE THAT THE SIMPLE HUT MADE FROM VEGETATION HAS OVER THE NYLON TENT.


Phew
We can't sleep at all like this!
Good grief it's like we're in a steam bath!


MEANWHILE, IT'S EXTREMELY EASY TO PASS THE TIME IN SUCH JUNGLE HUTS
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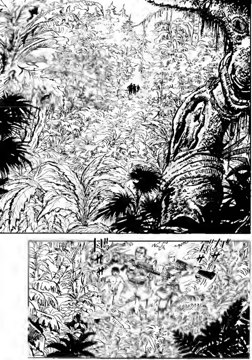
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA SLEEP FOR?! THAT MUCH SLEEP WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD
WAKE UP! WE NEED TO LEAVE SOON!
AH, M... MORNING...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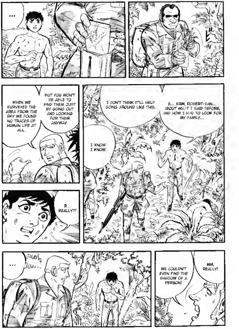
...
B... ERM, ROBERT-SAN... ABOUT WHAT I SAID BEFORE, AND HOW I HAD TO LOOK FOR MY FAMILY...
I DON'T THINK IT'LL HELP GOING AROUND LIKE THIS.
I KNOW I KNOW.
BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND THEM JUST BY GOING OUT AND LOOKING FOR THEM ANYWAY.
WHEN WE SURVEYED THE AREA FROM THE SKY WE FOUND NO TRACES OF HUMAN LIFE AT ALL.
R REALLY?!
MM, REALLY!
WE COULDN'T EVEN FIND THE SHADOW OF A PERSON!
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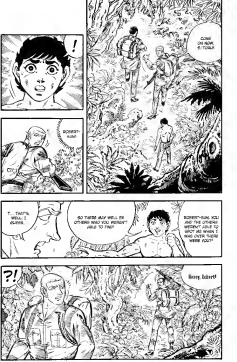
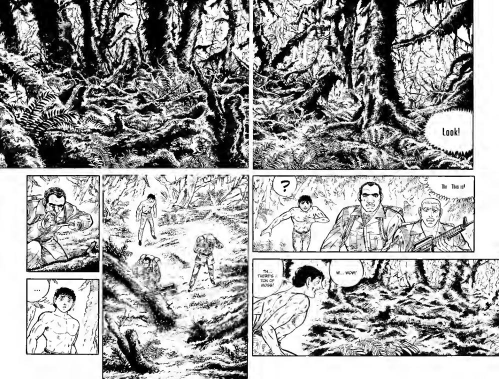

COME ON NOW, SATORU!
!
ROBERT-SAN!
ROBERT-SAN, YOU AND THE OTHERS WEREN'T ABLE TO SPOT ME WHEN I WAS OVER THERE WERE YOU?!
SO THERE MAY WELL BE OTHERS WHO YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO FIND!
T... THAT'S, WELL, I GUESS...
Heeey, Robert!
?!


Look!
Th This is!
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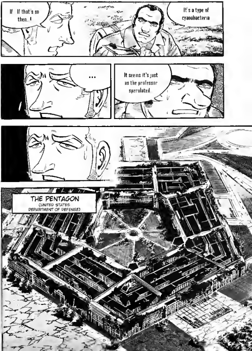
W... WOW!
TH... THERE'S A TON OF MOSS!
...


It's a type of cyanobacteria
If If that's so then..!
It seems it's just as the professor speculated
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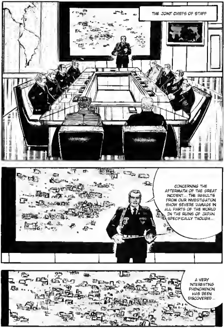
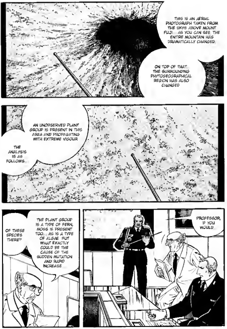
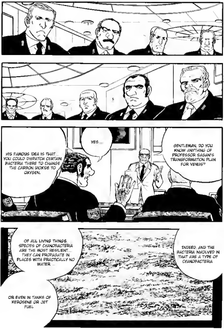
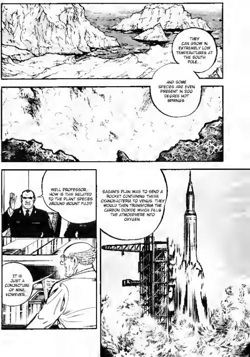
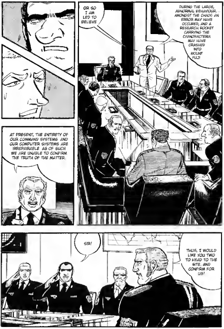
THE PENTAGON
(UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE)

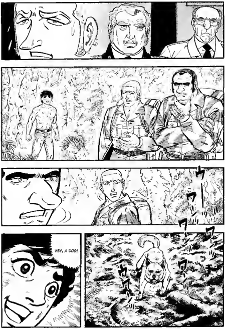

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
CONCERNING THE AFTERMATH OF THE GREAT INCIDENT... THE RESULTS FROM OUR INVESTIGATION SHOW SEVERE DAMAGE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD IN THE RUINS OF JAPAN SPECIFICALLY THOUGH...
A VERY INTERESTING PHENOMENON HAS BEEN DISCOVERED...


THIS IS AN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN FROM THE SKYS ABOVE MOUNT FUJI... AS YOU CAN SEE THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN HAS DRAMATICALLY CHANGED.
ON TOP OF THAT THE SURROUNDING PHYTOGEOGRAPHICAL REGION HAS ALSO CHANGED
AN UNOBSERVED PLANT GROUP IS PRESENT IN THIS AREA AND PROPAGATING WITH EXTREME VIGOUR
THE ANALYSIS IS AS FOLLOWS...
PROFESSOR, IF YOU WOULD.
THE PLANT GROUP IS A TYPE OF FERN, MOSS IS PRESENT TOO... AS IS A TYPE OF ALGAE. BUT WHAT EXACTLY COULD BE THE CAUSE OF THE SUDDEN MUTATION AND RAPID INCREASE...
OF THESE SPECIES THERE?


GENTLEMAN, DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING OF PROFESSOR SAGAN'S TRANSFORMATION PLAN FOR VENUS?
YES...
HIS FAMOUS IDEA IS THAT YOU COULD DISPATCH CERTAIN BACTERIA THERE TO CHANGE THE CARBON DIOXIDE TO OXYGEN.
INDEED, AND THE BACTERIA INVOLVED IN THAT ARE A TYPE OF CYANOBACTERIA
OF ALL LIVING THINGS SPECIES OF CYANOBACTERIA ARE THE MOST RESILIENT... THEY CAN PROPAGATE IN PLACES WITH PRACTICALLY NO WATER...
OR EVEN IN TANKS OF KEROSENE OR JET FUEL


THEY CAN GROW IN EXTREMELY LOW TEMPERATURES AT THE SOUTH POLE...
AND SOME SPECIES ARE EVEN PRESENT IN 200 DEGREE HOT SPRINGS
WELL PROFESSOR. HOW IS THIS RELATED TO THE PLANT SPECIES AROUND MOUNT FUJI?
IT IS JUST A CONJECTURE OF MINE, HOWEVER.
SAGAN'S PLAN WAS TO SEND A ROCKET CONTAINING THESE CYANOBACTERIA TO VENUS. THEY WOULD THEN TRANSFORM THE CARBON DIOXIDE WHICH FILLS THE ATMOSPHERE INTO OXYGEN


DURING THE LARGE, ABNORMAL BEHAVIOUR, AMONGST THE CHAOS AN ERROR MAY HAVE OCCURED, AND A RESEARCH ROCKET CARRYING THE CYANOBACTERIA MAY HAVE CRASHED INTO MOUNT FUJI!
OR SO I AM LED TO BELIEVE
AT PRESENT, THE ENTIRETY OF OUR COMMAND SYSTEMS AND OUR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ARE IRREPAIRABLE AS OF SUCH WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.
THUS, I WOULD LIKE YOU TWO TO HEAD TO THE SITE, AND CONFIRM FOR US!
SIR!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HEY, A DOG!
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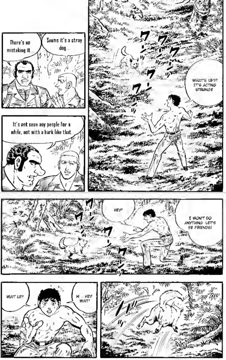
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WHAT'S UP?! IT'S ACTING STRANGE
Seems it's a stray dog...
There's no mistaking it
It's not seen any people for a while, not with a bark like that
I WON'T DO ANYTHING. LET'S BE FRIENDS!
HEY!
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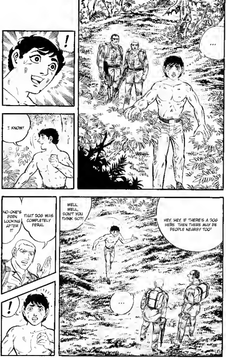
H... HEY WAIT!
WAIT UP!


...
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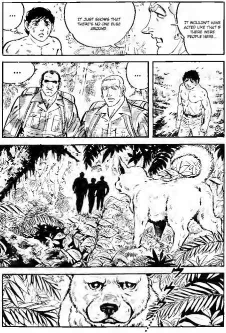
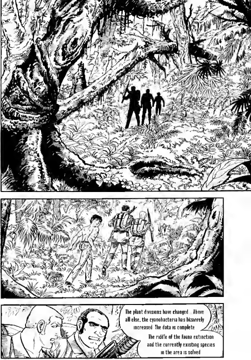
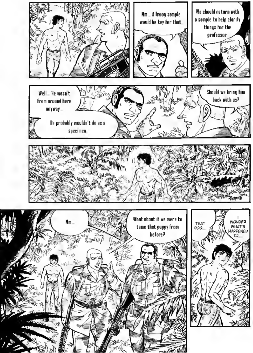
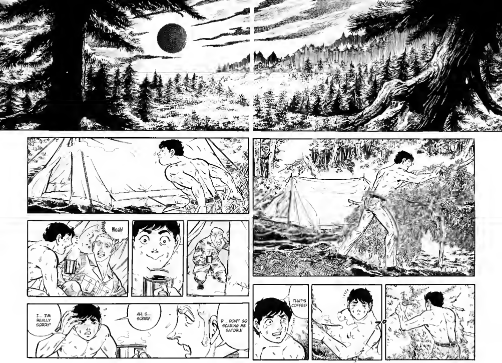
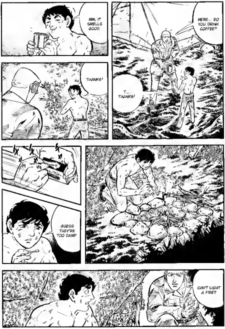
I KNOW!
HEY, HEY, IF THERE'S A DOG HERE, THEN THERE MAY BE PEOPLE NEARBY TOO!
WELL, WELL, DON'T YOU THINK SO?!
...
THAT DOG WAS COMPLETELY FERAL
NO-ONE'S BEEN LOOKING AFTER IT
!

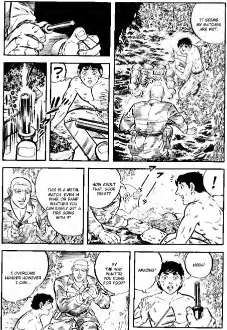

IT WOULDN'T HAVE ACTED LIKE THAT IF THERE WERE PEOPLE HERE...
IT JUST SHOWS THAT THERE'S NO ONE ELSE AROUND
...
...
...

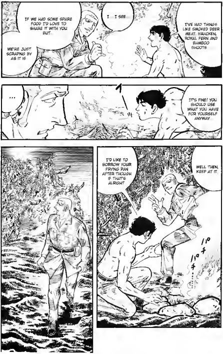

The plant divisions have changed Above all else, the cyanobacteria has bizarrely increased The data is complete
The riddle of the fauna extinction and the currently existing species in the area is solved


We should return with a sample to help clarify things for the professor.
Nm... A living sample would be key for that.
Should we bring him back with us?
Well... He wasn't from around here anyway...
He probably wouldn't do as a specimen.
I WONDER WHAT'S HAPPENED TO...
THAT DOG...
What about if we were to tame that puppy from before?
Nm...


Woah!
I... I'M REALLY SORRY!
AH, S... SORRY
D... DON'T GO SCARING ME SATORU!!
THAT'S COFFEE!


HERE... DO YOU DRINK COFFEE?
T... THANKS!
MM, IT SMELLS GOOD.
THANKS!
GUESS THEY'RE TOO DAMP
CAN'T LIGHT A FIRE?


IT SEEMS MY MATCHES ARE WET.
?
!
HOW ABOUT THAT. GOOD RIGHT?
THIS IS A METAL MATCH. EVEN IN WIND OR DAMP WEATHER YOU CAN EASILY GET A FIRE GOING WITH IT!
HEEH!
AMAZING!
BY THE WAY WHAT'RE YOU DOING FOR FOOD?
I OVERCOME HUNGER HOWEVER I CAN...


I'VE HAD THINGS LIKE SMOKED DEER MEAT, BRACKEN, ROYAL FERN AND BAMBOO SHOOTS...
I... I SEE...
IF WE HAD SOME SPARE FOOD I'D LOVE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU BUT...
WE'RE JUST SCRAPING BY AS IT IS
IT'S FINE! YOU SHOULD USE WHAT YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF ANYWAY
...
WELL THEN, KEEP AT IT.
I'D LIKE TO BORROW YOUR FRYING PAN AFTER THOUGH IF THAT'S ALRIGHT
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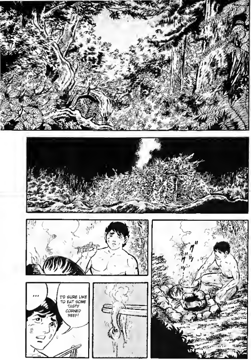
I'D SURE LIKE TO EAT SOME TASTY CORNED BEEF!
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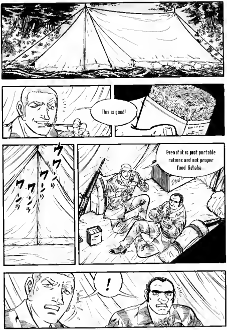
This is good!
Even if it is just portable rations and not proper food Hahaha
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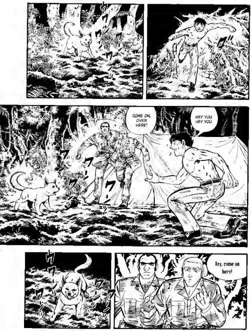
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HEY YOU HEY YOU
COME ON, OVER HERE!
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Hey, come on here!
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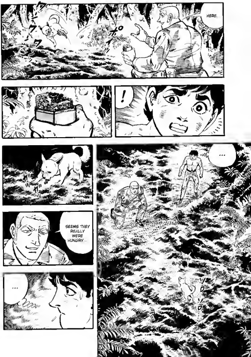
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SEEMS THEY REALLY WERE HUNGRY...
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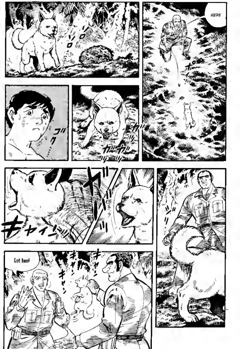
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ゴクッ……
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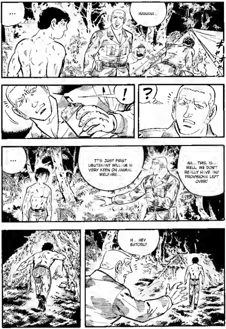
Got him!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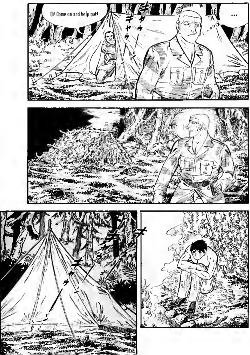
HAHAHA...
...
?
!
AH... THIS, IS... WELL, WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY PROVISIONS LEFT OVER!
IT'S JUST FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM IS VERY KEEN ON ANIMAL WELFARE...
...
H... HEY SATORU!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Oi! Come on and help out!
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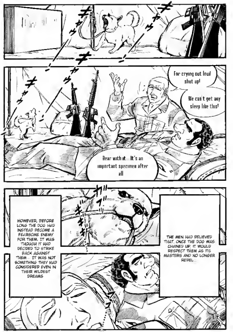
For crying out loud shut up!
We can't get any sleep like this!
Bear with it... It's an important specimen after all
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THE MEN HAD BELIEVED THAT, ONCE THE DOG WAS CHAINED UP, IT WOULD RESPECT THEM AS ITS MASTERS AND NO LONGER REBEL...
HOWEVER, BEFORE LONG THE DOG HAD INSTEAD BECOME A FEARSOME ENEMY FOR THEM. IT WAS THOUGH IT HAD DECIDED TO STRIKE BACK AGAINST THEM... IT WAS NOT SOMETHING THEY HAD CONSIDERED EVEN IN THEIR WILDEST DREAMS

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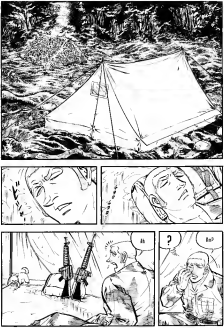
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チョロ チョロ…
Ah
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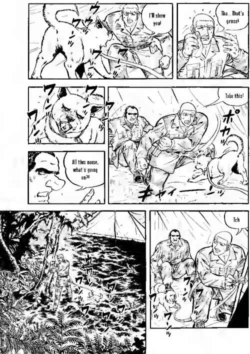
Hm?


Tha... That's gross!
I'll show you!
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ウーッ
Take this!
ポカッ
キャイーーンッ
ワンワンッ
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All this noise, what's going on?!
Tch
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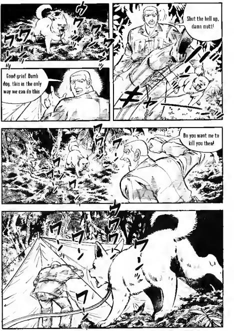
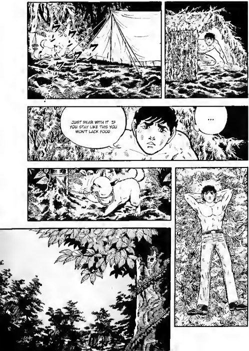

Shut the hell up, damn mutt!
Good grief Dumb dog, this is the only way we can do this
Do you want me to kill you then!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JUST BEAR WITH IT IF YOU STAY LIKE THIS YOU WON'T LACK FOOD
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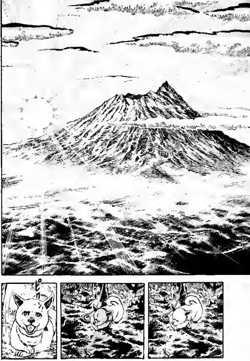
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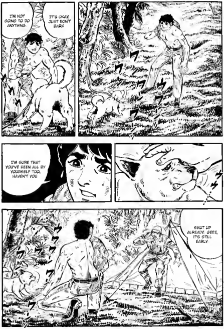
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IT'S OKAY JUST DON'T BARK
I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING
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I'M SURE THAT YOU'VE BEEN ALL BY YOURSELF TOO, HAVEN'T YOU
SHUT UP ALREADY. GEEZ, IT'S STILL EARLY
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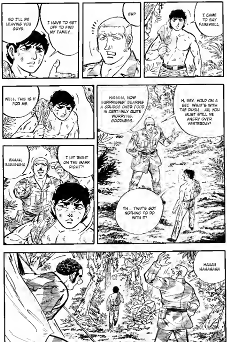
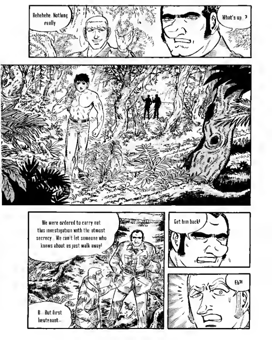
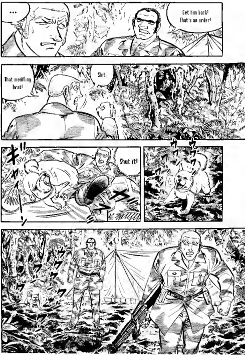

I CAME TO SAY FAREWELL
EH?
I HAVE TO SET OFF TO FIND MY FAMILY.
SO I'LL BE LEAVING YOU GUYS.
H, HEY. HOLD ON A SEC. WHAT'S WITH THE RUSH... AH, YOU MUST STILL BE ANGRY OVER YESTERDAY!
HAHAHA, HOW SURPRISING! BEARING A GRUDGE OVER FOOD IS CERTAINLY QUITE WORRYING. GOODNESS.
TH... THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
WELL, THIS IS IT FOR ME.
I HIT RIGHT ON THE MARK RIGHT?!
HAAAH, HAHAHAHA
HAAAH HAHAHAHA


What's up...?
Hehehehe. Nothing really
Get him back!
Eh?!
B... But first lieutenant...
We were ordered to carry out this investigation with the utmost secrecy... We can't let someone who knows about us just walk away!


Get him back! That's an order!
...
Shut
That meddling brat!
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ワンワン
Shut it!
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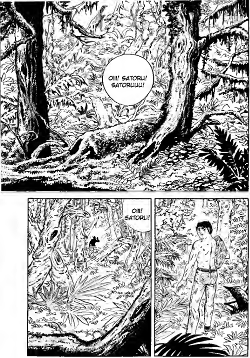
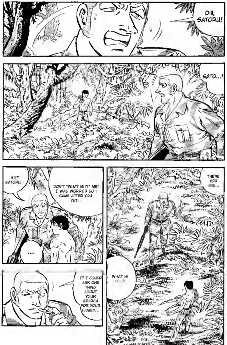
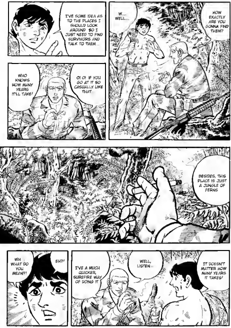
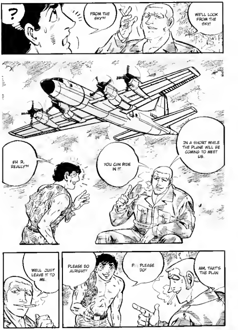

OIII! SATORU! SATORUUU!
OIII! SATORU!


OIII, SATORU!
SATO...!
THERE YOU ARE...
WHAT IS IT...?
EH? SATORU.
DON'T "WHAT IS IT" ME! I WAS WORRIED SO I CAME AFTER YOU YET...
...
IF I COULD ASK ONE THING ABOUT YOUR SEARCH FOR YOUR FAMILY...


HOW EXACTLY ARE YOU GONNA FIND THEM?
W... WELL...
I'VE SOME IDEA AS TO THE PLACES I SHOULD LOOK AROUND SO I JUST NEED TO FIND SURVIVORS AND TALK TO THEM
OI OI IF YOU GO AT IT SO CASUALLY LIKE THAT
WHO KNOWS HOW MANY YEARS IT'LL TAKE!
BESIDES, THIS PLACE IS JUST A JUNGLE OF FERNS
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY YEARS IT TAKES!
WELL, LISTEN
I'VE A MUCH QUICKER, SUREFIRE WAY OF DOING IT
EH?!
WH WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!


WE'LL LOOK FROM THE SKY!
FROM THE SKY?!
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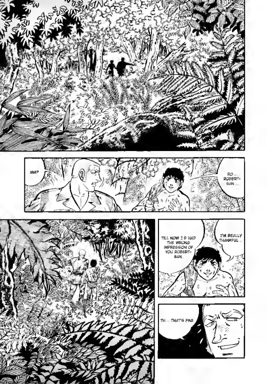
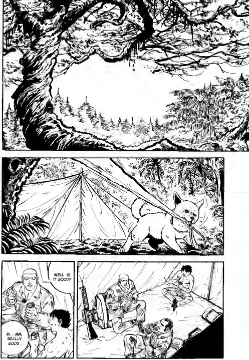
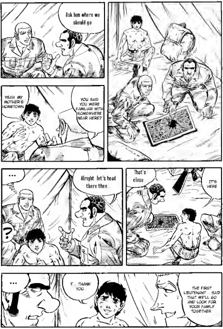
IN A SHORT WHILE THE PLANE WILL BE COMING TO MEET US.
YOU CAN RIDE IN IT
EH R. REALLY?!
MM, THAT'S THE PLAN
P.. PLEASE DO!
PLEASE DO ALRIGHT!
WELL JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.


RO... ROBERT-SAN...
MM?
I'M REALLY THANKFUL...
TILL NOW I'D HAD THE WRONG IMPRESSION OF YOU ROBERT-SAN.
TH... THAT'S FINE


WELL IS IT GOOD?
M MM, REALLY GOOD


Ask him where we should go
YOU SAID YOU WERE FAMILIAR WITH SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE?
YEAH MY MOTHER'S HOMETOWN
IT'S HERE
That's close
Alright let's head there then
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THE FIRST LIEUTENANT... SAID THAT WE'LL GO AND LOOK FOR YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER
T... THANK YOU
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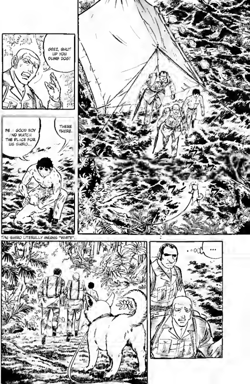
GEEZ, SHUT UP YOU DUMB DOG!
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THERE THERE.
BE A GOOD BOY 'ND WATCH THE PLACE FOR US SHIRO...
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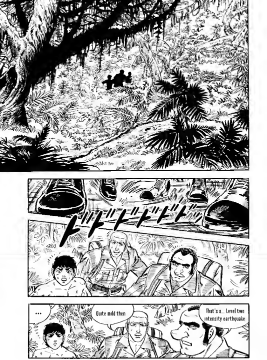
T/N: SHIRO LITERALLY MEANS "WHITE".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That's a... Level two intensity earthquake
Quite mild then
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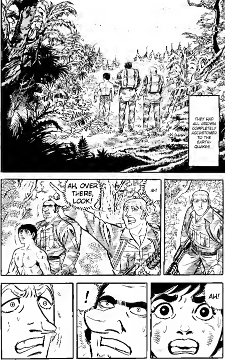
THEY HAD ALL GROWN COMPLETELY ACCUSTOMED TO THE EARTHQUAKES
AH, OVER THERE, LOOK!
AH!
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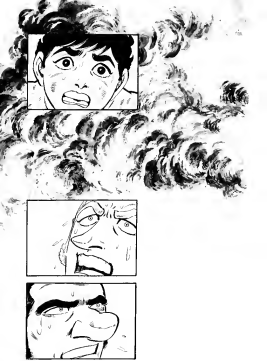
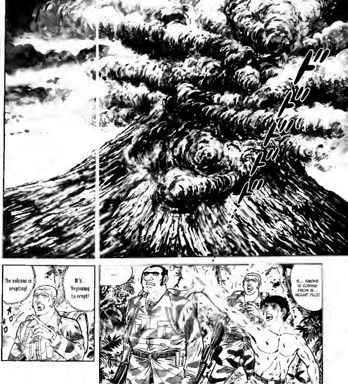
AH!

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S... SMOKE IS COMING FROM M... MOUNT FUJI!
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It's beginning to erupt!
The volcano is erupting!
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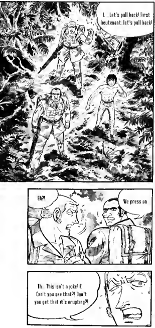
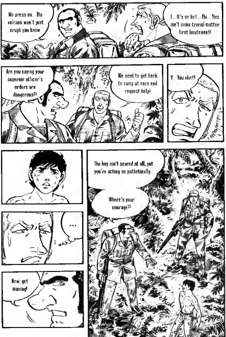
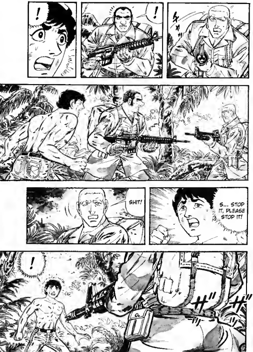

L... Let's pull back! First lieutenant, let's pull back!
We press on
Eh?!
Th... This isn't a joke! C... Can't you see that?! Don't you get that it's erupting?!


We press on... The volcano won't just erupt you know
I... It's so hot... Thi... This isn't some trivial matter first lieutenant!
Are you saying your superior officer's orders are dangerous?!
We need to get back to camp at once and request help!
Y... You idiot!
...
Now get moving!
The boy isn't scared at all, yet you're acting so pathetically.
Where's your courage?!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S... STOP IT, PLEASE STOP IT!
SHIT!
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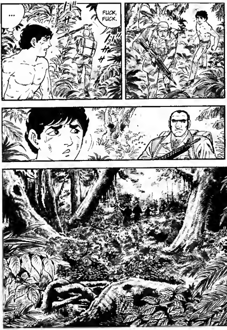
FUCK, FUCK.
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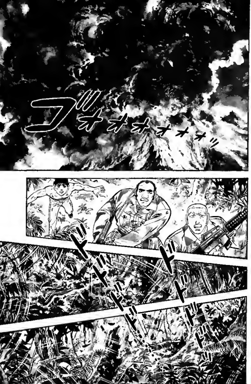
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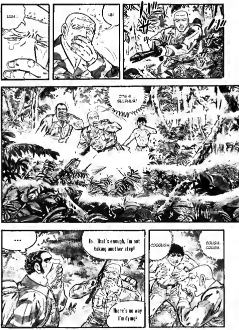
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IT'S S... SULPHUR!
...
Th... That's enough, I'm not taking another step!
There's no way I'm dying!
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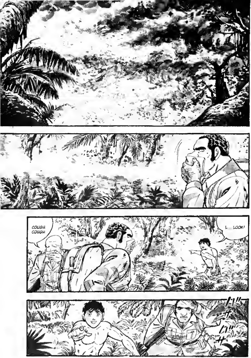
COUGH COUGH


L... LOOK!
COUGH COUGH
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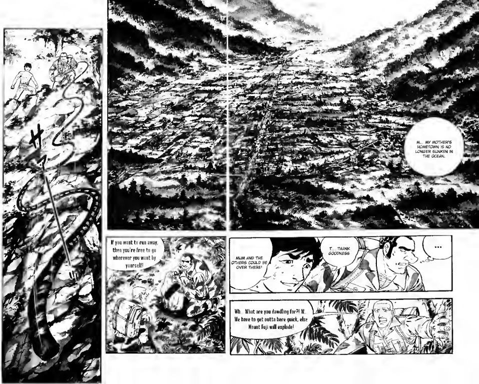
M... MY MOTHER'S HOMETOWN IS NO LONGER SUNKEN IN THE OCEAN.
...
T... THANK GOODNESS
MUM AND THE OTHERS COULD BE OVER THERE!
Wh... What are you dawdling for?! W... We have to get outta here quick, else Mount Fuji will explode!
If you want to run away, then you're free to go wherever you want by yourself!
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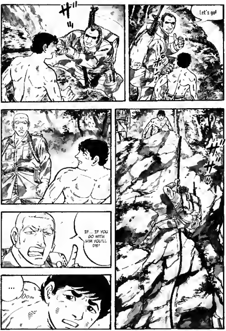
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Let's go!
IF... IF YOU GO WITH HIM YOU'LL DIE!
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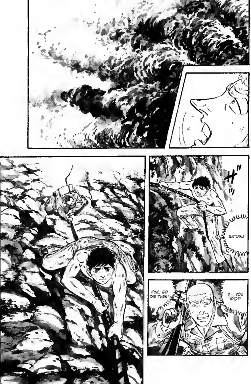
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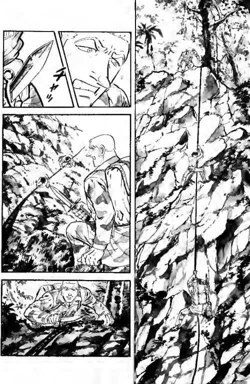
SATORU!
Y YOU IDIOT!
FINE, GO DIE THEN!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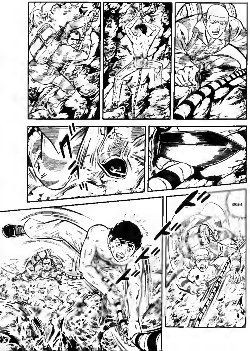
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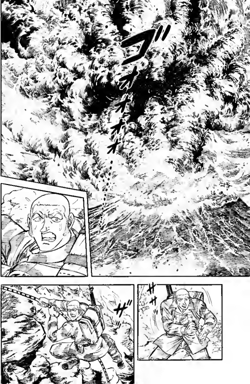
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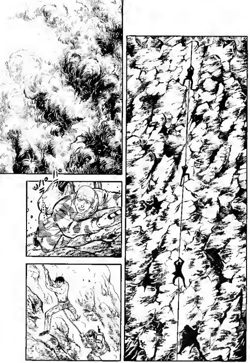
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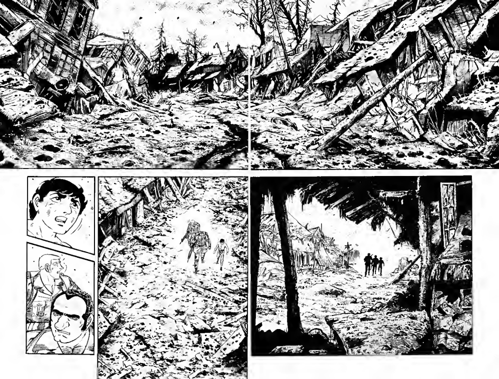

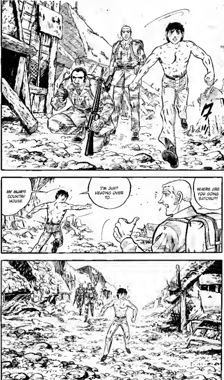
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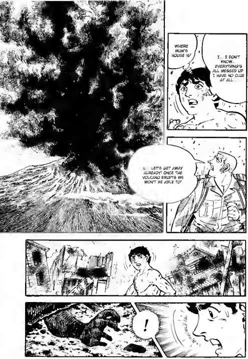
WHERE ARE YOU GOING SATORU?!
I'M JUST HEADING OVER TO...
MY MUM'S COUNTRY HOUSE


WHERE MUM'S HOUSE IS!
I… I DON'T KNOW… EVERYTHING'S ALL MESSED UP I HAVE NO CLUE AT ALL…
L… LET'S GET AWAY ALREADY! ONCE THE VOLCANO ERUPTS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO!
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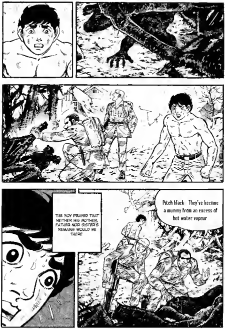
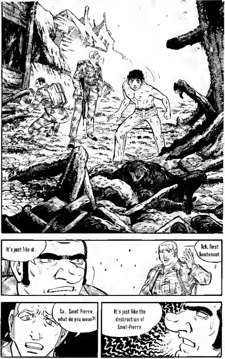
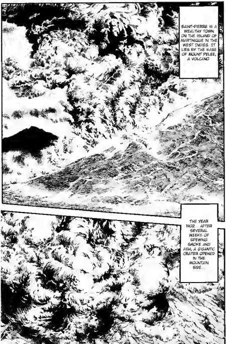
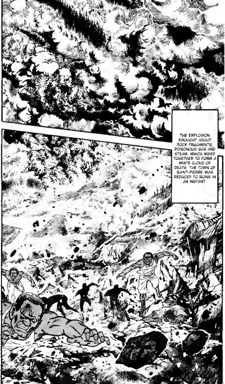
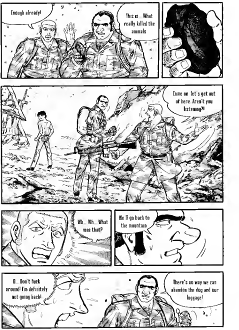
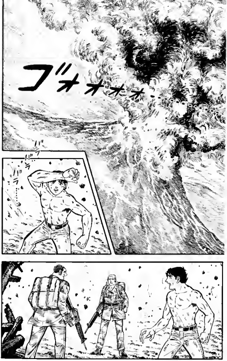

THE BOY PRAYED THAT NEITHER HIS MOTHER, FATHER NOR SISTER'S REMAINS WOULD BE THERE
Pitch black They've become a mummy from an excess of hot water vapour


Tch, first lieutenant.
It's just like it.
It's just like the destruction of Saint-Pierre...
Sa... Saint Pierre, what do you mean?!


SAINT-PIERRE IS A WEALTHY TOWN ON THE ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE IN THE WEST INDIES. IT LIES BY THE BASE OF MOUNT PELEE, A VOLCANO
THE YEAR 1902 – AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF SPEWING SMOKE AND ASH, A GIGANTIC CRATER OPENED IN THE MOUNTAIN SIDE.


THE EXPLOSION BROUGHT ABOUT ROCK FRAGMENTS POISONOUS GAS AND STEAM, WHICH MIXED TOGETHER TO FORM A WHITE CLOUD OF DEATH THE TOWN OF SAINT-PIERRE WAS REDUCED TO RUINS IN AN INSTANT


Enough already!
This is... What really killed the animals
Come on. let's get out of here. Aren't you listening?!
Wh... Wh... What was that?
We'll go back to the mountain
D... Don't fuck around! I'm definitely not going back!
There's no way we can abandon the dog and our luggage!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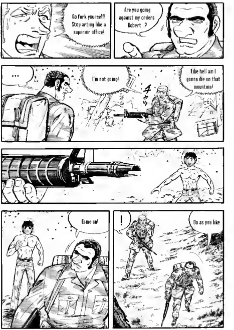
Are you going against my orders Robert ?
Go furk yourself! Stop arting like a superior office!
Like hell am I gonna die on that mountain!
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I'm not going!
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Do as you like
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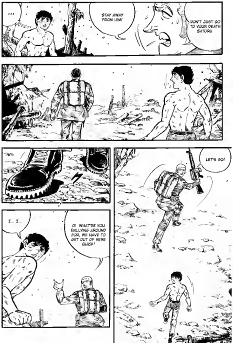
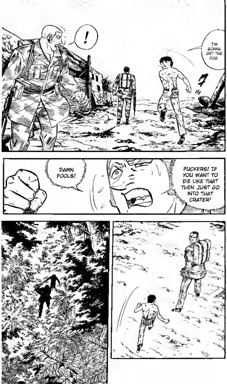
Come on!


...
STAY AWAY FROM HIM!
DON'T JUST GO TO YOUR DEATH SATORU
I... I...
O! WHAT'RE YOU DALLYING AROUND FOR, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE QUICK!
LET'S GO!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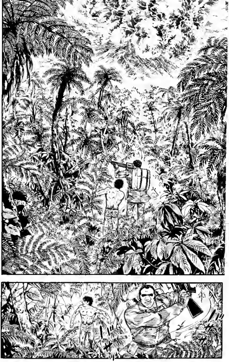
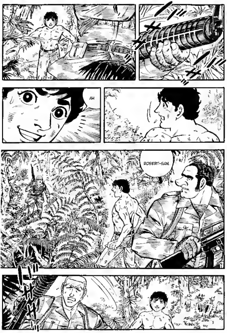
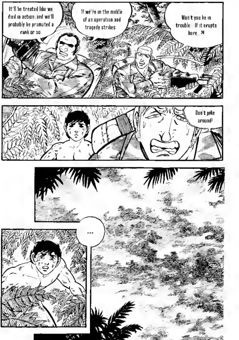
I'M GONNA GET THE DOG
DAMN FOOLS!
FUCKERS! IF YOU WANT TO DIE LIKE THAT THEN JUST GO INTO THAT CRATER!




AH
ROBERT-SAN.


Won't you be in trouble? If it erupts here?!
If we're in the middle of an operation and tragedy strikes
It'll be treated like we died in action, and we'll probably be promoted a rank or so
Don't joke around!
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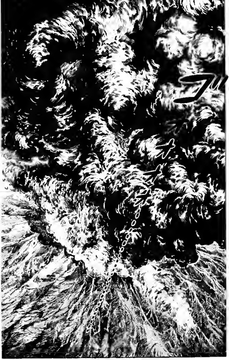
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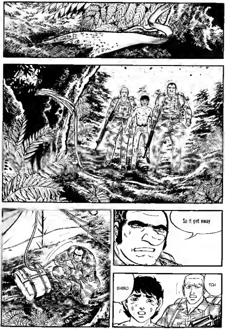
So it got away
SHIRO...
TCH

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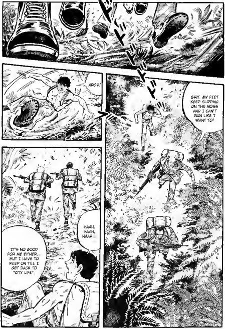
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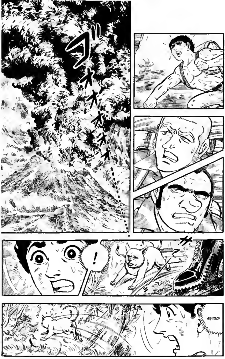
ARGH!
SHIT. MY FEET KEEP SLIPPING ON THE MOSS AND I CAN'T RUN LIKE I WANT TO!
HAAH, HAAH, HAAH
IT'S NO GOOD FOR ME EITHER... BUT I HAVE TO KEEP ON TILL I GET BACK TO "CITY LIFE".

ゴォオオオオオ
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SHIRO!
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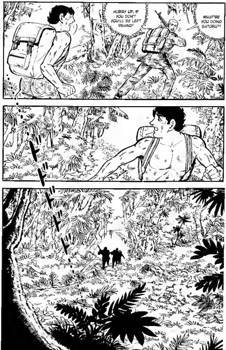
WHAT'RE YOU DOING SATORU!?
HURRY UP, IF YOU DON'T YOU'LL BE LEFT BEHIND!
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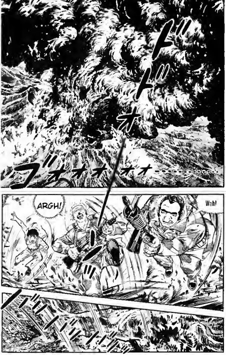
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Wah!
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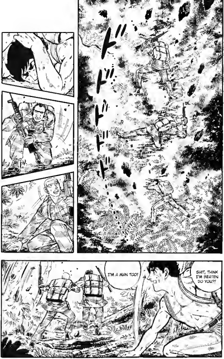
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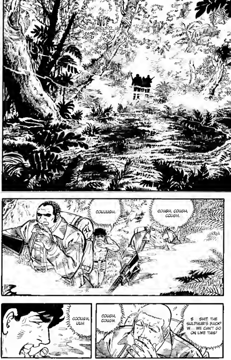
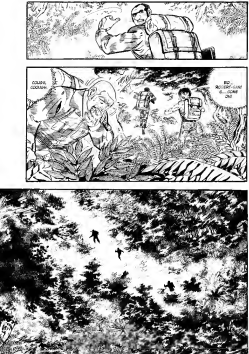
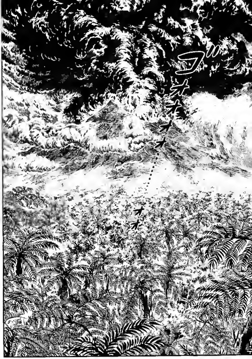
SHIT, THINK I'M BEATEN DO YOU?!
I'M A MAN TOO!


COUUUGH.
COUGH, COUGH, COUGH.
COOUGH, UUH
COUGH, COUGH
S... SHIT THE SULPHUR'S BACK! W... WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS!


RO... ROBERT-SAN! C... COME ON!
COUGH, COOUGH.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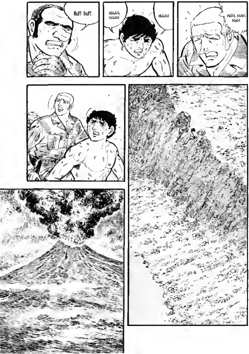
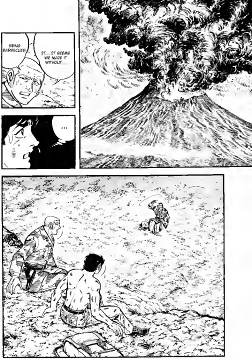

Huff huff
HAAH, HAAH
HAAH
HAH, HAH, HAH.


IT... IT SEEMS WE MADE IT WITHOUT
BEING BARBECUED
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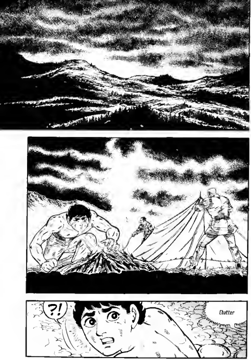
Chatter
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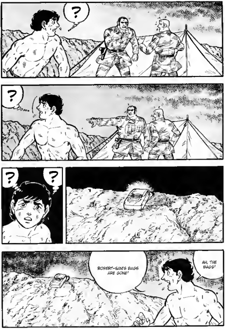
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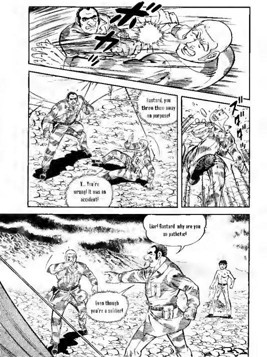
AH, THE BAGS!
ROBERT-SAN'S BAGS ARE GONE!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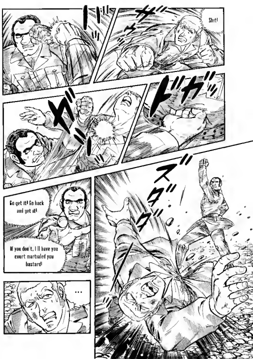
Bastard, you threw them away on purpose!
Y... You're wrong! It was an accident!
Liar! Bastard, why are you so pathetic!
Even though you're a soldier!


Shit!
Go get it! Go back and get it!
If you don't, I'll have you court martialed you bastard!
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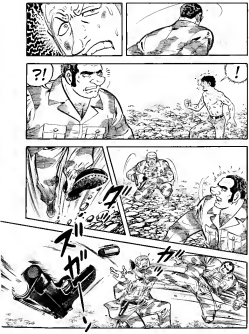
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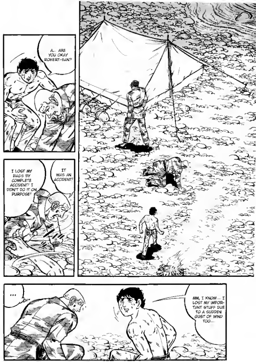
A... ARE YOU OKAY ROBERT-SAN?
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
I LOST MY BAGS BY COMPLETE ACCIDENT! I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!
MM, I KNOW... I LOST MY IMPORTANT STUFF DUE TO A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND TOO...
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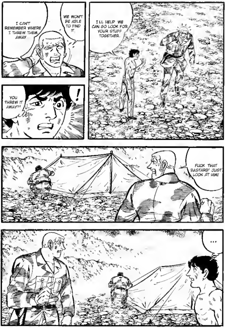
I'LL HELP WE CAN GO LOOK FOR YOUR STUFF TOGETHER.
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND IT.
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE I THREW THEM AWAY
YOU THREW IT AWAY?!
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FUCK THAT BASTARD! JUST LOOK AT HIM!
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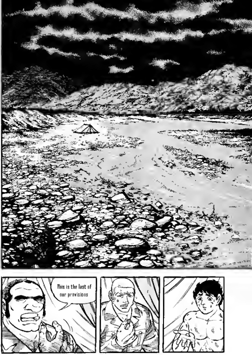
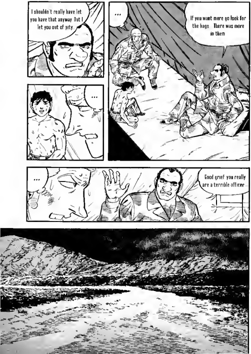

This is the last of our provisions


I shouldn't really have let you have that anyway But I let you out of pity
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If you want more go look for the bags There was more in them
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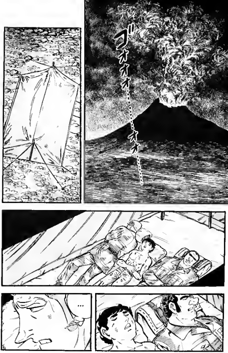
Good grief you really are a terrible officer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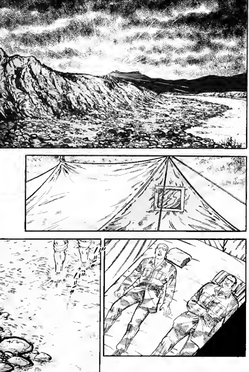
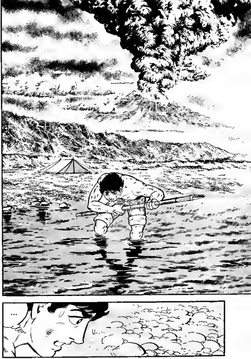
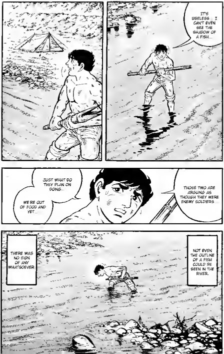
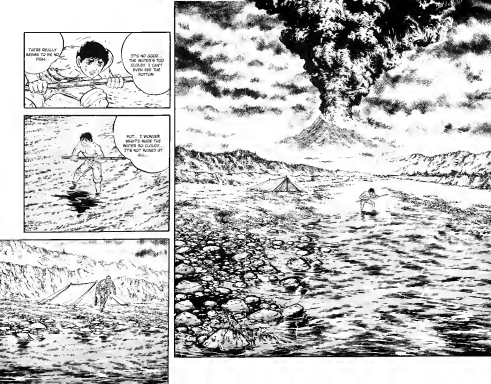
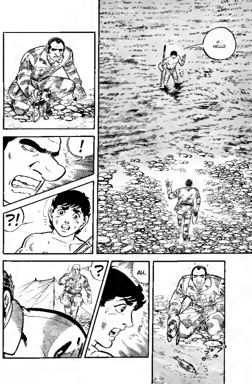





IT'S USELESS... I CAN'T EVEN SEE THE SHADOW OF A FISH...
THOSE TWO ARE ARGUING AS THOUGH THEY WERE ENEMY SOLDIERS...
JUST WHAT DO THEY PLAN ON DOING...
WE'RE OUT OF FOOD AND YET...
NOT EVEN THE OUTLINE OF A FISH COULD BE SEEN IN THE RIVER.
THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ANY WHATSOEVER


IT'S NO GOOD... THE WATER'S TOO CLOUDY. I CAN'T EVEN SEE THE BOTTOM
THERE REALLY SEEMS TO BE NO FISH...
BUT... I WONDER WHAT'S MADE THE WATER SO CLOUDY. IT'S NOT RAINED AT ALL...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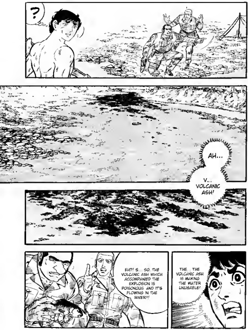
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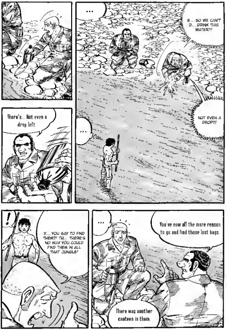
AH...
V... VOLCANIC ASH!
THE THE VOLCANIC ASH IS MAKING THE WATER UNUSABLE!
EH?! S SO THE VOLCANIC ASH WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE EXPLOSION IS POISONOUS AND IT'S FLOWING IN THE RIVER?!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S... SO WE CAN'T D... DRINK THIS WATER?!
NOT EVEN A DROP?!
There's... Not even a drop left
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Y... YOU SAY TO FIND THEM?! TH... THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD FIND THEM IN ALL THAT JUNGLE!
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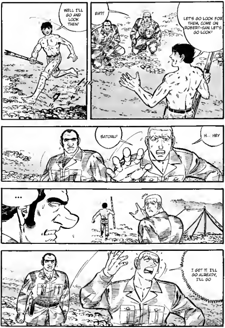
You've now all the more reason to go and find those lost bags.
There was another canteen in them.


LET'S GO LOOK FOR THEM, COME ON ROBERT-SAN LET'S GO LOOK!
EH?!
WELL I'LL GO AND LOOK THEN!
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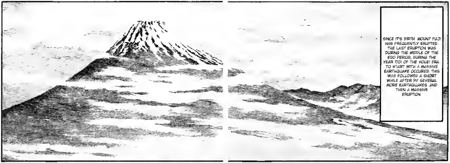
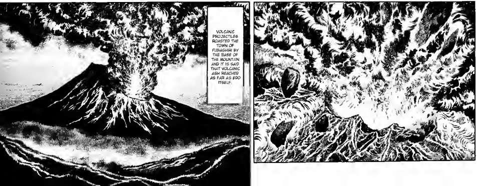
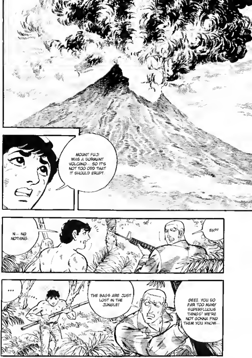
I GET IT. I'LL GO ALREADY, I'LL GO


SINCE IT'S BIRTH MOUNT FUJI HAS FREQUENTLY ERUPTED. THE LAST ERUPTION WAS DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE EDO PERIOD, DURING THE YEAR 1701 OF THE HOUEI ERA TO START WITH A MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE OCCURED. THIS WAS FOLLOWED A SHORT WHILE AFTER BY SEVERAL MORE EARTHQUAKES AND THEN A MASSIVE ERUPTION

T/N: THE HOUEI ERA LASTED FROM MARCH 1704 TO APRIL 1711.


VOLCANIC PROJECTILES ROASTED THE TOWN OF FUBASHIRI BY THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND IT IS SAID THAT VOLCANIC ASH REACHED AS FAR AS EDO ITSELF.


MOUNT FUJI WAS A DORMANT VOLCANO... SO IT'S NOT TOO ODD THAT IT SHOULD ERUPT.
EH?!
N... NO NOTHING.
GEEZ YOU DO FAR TOO MANY SUPERFLUOUS THINGS! WE'RE NOT GONNA FIND THEM YOU KNOW...
THE BAGS ARE JUST LOST IN THE JUNGLE!
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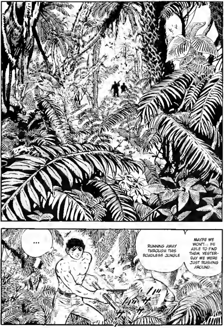
MAYBE WE WON'T... BE ABLE TO FIND THEM. YESTERDAY WE WERE JUST RUSHING AROUND...
RUNNING AWAY THROUGH THIS ROADLESS JUNGLE
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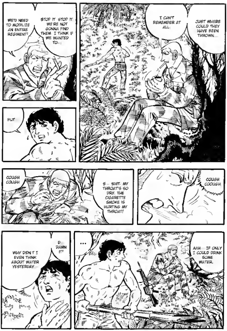
JUST WHERE COULD THEY HAVE BEEN THROWN...
I CAN'T REMEMBER AT ALL...
STOP IT STOP IT WE'RE NOT GONNA FIND THEM I THINK IF WE WANTED TO...
WE'D NEED TO MOBILIZE AN ENTIRE REGIMENT!
BUT
COUGH COOUGH
S... SHIT MY THROAT'S SO DRY. THE CIGARETTE SMOKE IS HURTING MY THROAT!
COUGH COUGH
AAH... IF ONLY I COULD DRINK SOME WATER.
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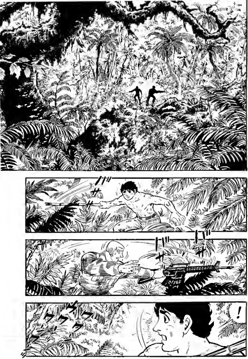
D... DAMN IT!
WHY DIDN'T I EVEN THINK ABOUT WATER YESTERDAY...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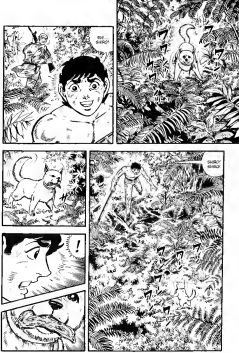
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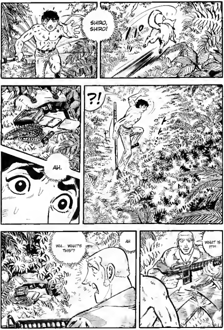
SHIRO, SHIRO!
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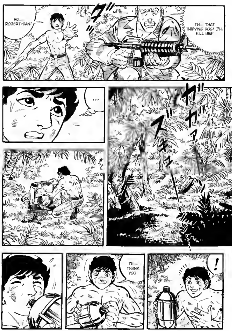
AH.
WH... WHAT'S THIS!?
AH
WHAT IS IT!?


TH— THAT THIEVING DOG! I'LL KILL HIM!
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RO— ROBERT-SAN!
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TH— THANK YOU
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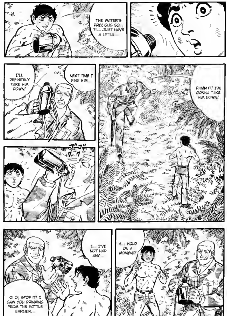
THE WATER'S PRECIOUS SO I'LL JUST HAVE A LITTLE....
NEXT TIME I FIND HIM
I'LL DEFINITELY TAKE HIM DOWN!
DAMN IT! I'M GONNA TAKE HIM DOWN!
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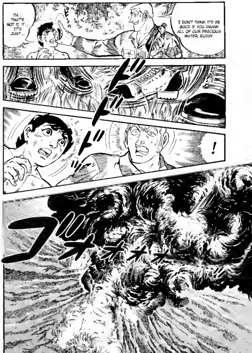
I... I'VE NOT HAD ANY....
OI OI, STOP IT! I SAW YOU DRINKING FROM THE BOTTLE EARLIER....
H... HOLD ON A MOMENT!


I DON'T THINK IT'D BE GOOD IF YOU DRANK ALL OF OUR PRECIOUS WATER, BUDDY
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TH THAT'S NOT IT IT IT'S JUST...
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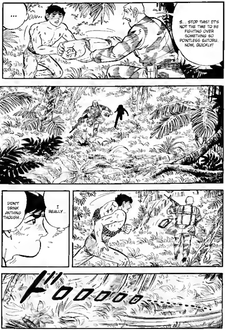
S... STOP THIS! IT'S NOT THE TIME TO BE FIGHTING OVER SOMETHING SO POINTLESS SATORU... NOW, QUICKLY!
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I REALLY...
DIDN'T DRINK ANTHING THOUGH...
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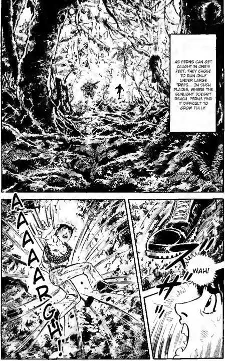
AS FERNS CAN GET CAUGHT IN ONE'S FEET, THEY CHOSE TO RUN ONLY UNDER LARGE TREES... IN SUCH PLACES, WHERE THE SUNLIGHT DOESN'T REACH, FERNS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO GROW FULLY.
WAH!
AAAAARGH!

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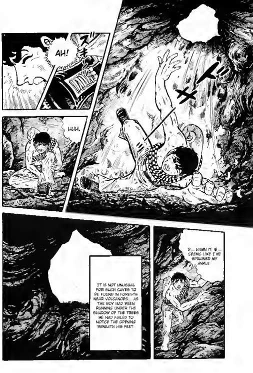
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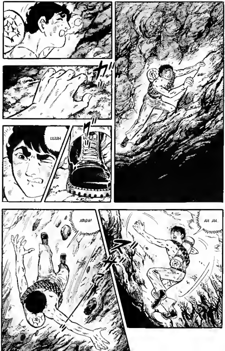
AH!
UUH.
D... DAMN IT. S... SEEMS LIKE I'VE SPRAINED MY ANKLE
IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR SUCH CAVES TO BE FOUND IN FORESTS NEAR VOLCANOES. AS THE BOY HAD BEEN RUNNING UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE TREES HE HAD FAILED TO NOTICE THE OPENING BENEATH HIS FEET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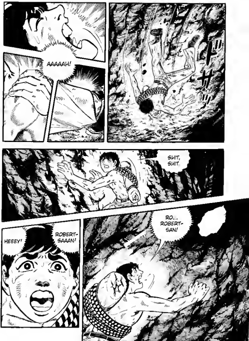
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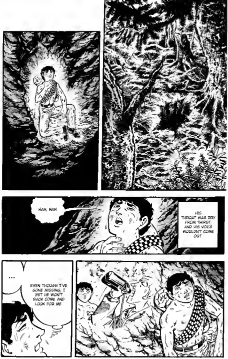
AAAAAH!
SHIT, SHIT.
RO.. ROBERT-SAN!
ROBERT-SAAAN!
HEEEY!


HIS THROAT WAS DRY FROM THIRST AND HIS VOICE WOULDN'T COME OUT
HAH, HAH
EVEN THOUGH I'VE GONE MISSING, I BET HE WON'T BACK COME AND LOOK FOR ME
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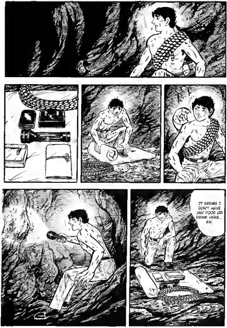
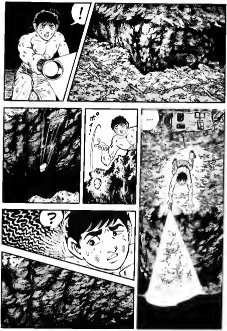

IT SEEMS I DON'T HAVE ANY FOOD OR DRINK HERE... EH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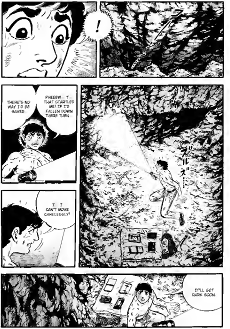
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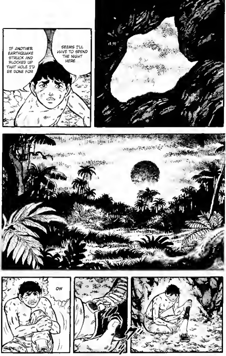
PHEEEW... T... THAT STARTLED ME! IF I'D FALLEN DOWN THERE THEN...
THERE'S NO WAY I'D BE SAVED...
I... I... CAN'T MOVE CARELESSLY!
IT'LL GET DARK SOON.


SEEMS I'LL HAVE TO SPEND THE NIGHT HERE
IF ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE STRUCK AND BLOCKED UP THAT HOLE I'D BE DONE FOR
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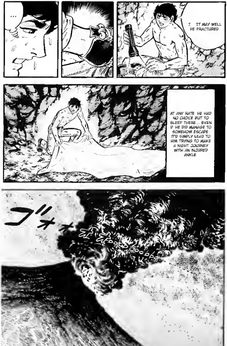
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I… IT MAY WELL BE FRACTURED
AT ANY RATE HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SLEEP THERE… EVEN IF HE DID MANAGE TO SOMEHOW ESCAPE IT'D SIMPLY LEAD TO HIM TRYING TO MAKE A NIGHT JOURNEY WITH AN INJURED ANKLE
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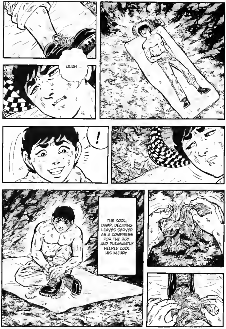
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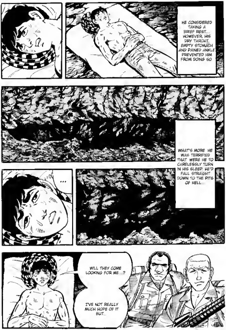
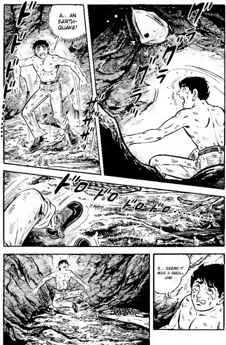
THE COOL DAMP, DECAYING LEAVES SERVED AS A COMPRESS FOR THE BOY AND PLEASANTLY HELPED COOL HIS INJURY


HE CONSIDERED TAKING A BRIEF REST... HOWEVER, HIS DRY THROAT, EMPTY STOMACH AND PAINED ANKLE PREVENTED HIM FROM DOING SO
WHAT'S MORE, HE WAS TERRIFIED THAT WERE HE TO CARELESSLY TURN IN HIS SLEEP HE'D FALL STRAIGHT DOWN TO THE PITS OF HELL...
...
WILL THEY COME LOOKING FOR ME...?
I'VE NOT REALLY MUCH HOPE OF IT BUT...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A... AN EARTHQUAKE!
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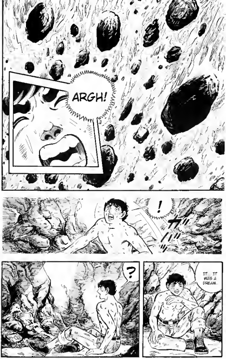
S... SEEMS IT WAS A SMALL ONE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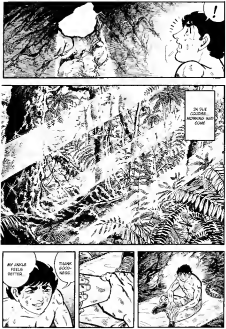
IT... IT WAS A DREAM...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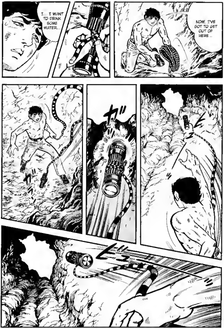
IN DUE COURSE MORNING HAD COME
MY ANKLE FEELS BETTER
THANK GOODNESS


I... I WANT TO DRINK SOME WATER...
NOW, I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE...
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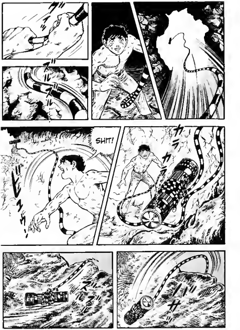
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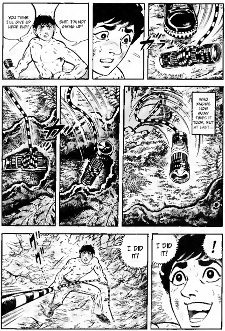
YOU THINK I'LL GIVE UP HERE EH?!
SHIT, I'M NOT GIVING UP!
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WHO KNOWS HOW MANY TIMES IT TOOK, BUT AT LAST...
I DID IT!
I DID IT!
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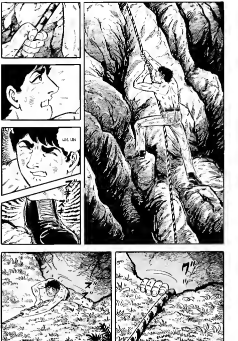
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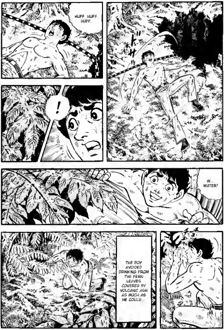
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W... WATER!
THE BOY AVOIDED DRINKING FROM THE FERN LEAVES COVERED BY VOLCANIC ASH AS MUCH AS HE COULD
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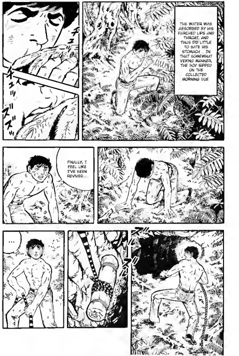
THE WATER WAS ABSORBED BY HIS PARCHED LIPS AND THROAT, AND THUS DID LITTLE TO SATE HIS STOMACH ... IN THAT SOMEWHAT VEXING MANNER, THE BOY SIPPED ON THE COLLECTED MORNING DUE
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FINALLY, I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN REVIVED.
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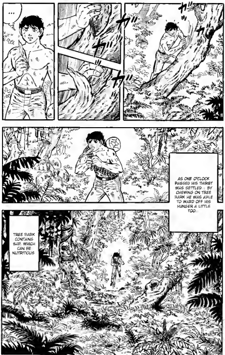
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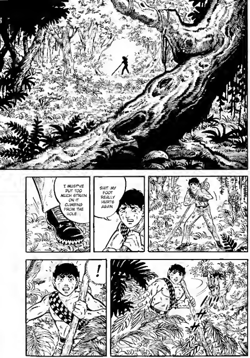
AS ONE O'CLOCK PASSED HIS THIRST WAS SETTLED. BY CHEWING ON TREE BARK HE WAS ABLE TO WARD OFF HIS HUNGER A LITTLE TOO
TREE BARK CONTAINS SAP, WHICH CAN BE NUTRITIOUS


SHIT MY FOOT REALLY HURTS AGAIN
I MUST'VE PUT TOO MUCH STRAIN ON IT CLIMBING FROM THE HOLE
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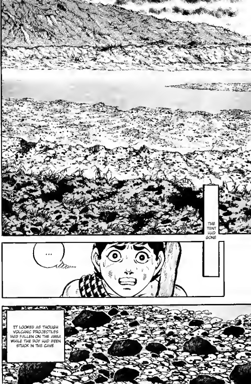
THE TENT HAD GONE
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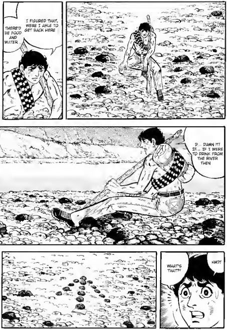
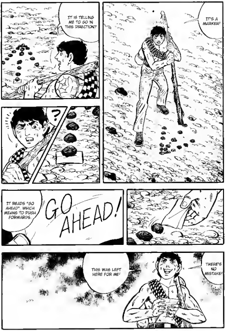
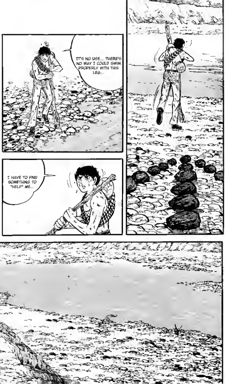
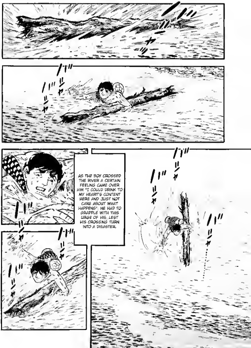
IT LOOKED AS THOUGH VOLCANIC PROJECTILES HAD FALLEN ON THE AREA WHILE THE BOY HAD BEEN STUCK IN THE CAVE


I FIGURED THAT, WERE I ABLE TO GET BACK HERE
THERE'D BE FOOD AND WATER
D... DAMN IT! IF... IF I WERE TO DRINK FROM THE RIVER THEN
HM?!
WHAT'S THAT?!


IT IS TELLING ME TO GO IN THIS DIRECTION?
IT'S A MARKER!
?
IT READS "GO AHEAD" WHICH MEANS TO PUSH FORWARDS.
GO AHEAD!
THIS WAS LEFT HERE FOR ME!
THERE'S NO MISTAKE!


IT'S NO USE... THERE'S NO WAY I COULD SWIM PROPERLY WITH THIS LEG...
I HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING TO "HELP" ME...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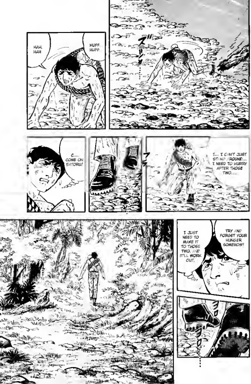
AS THE BOY CROSSED THE RIVER A CERTAN FEELING CAME OVER HIM "I COULD DRINK TO MY HEART'S CONTENT HERE AND JUST NOT CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS". HE HAD TO GRAPPLE WITH THIS URGE OF HIS, LEST HIS CROSSING TURN INTO A DISASTER.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HUFF HUFF
HAH, HAH
I… I CAN'T JUST STAND AROUND… I NEED TO HURRY AFTER THOSE TWO…
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C… COME ON SATORU!
TRY AND FORGET YOUR HUNGER SOMEHOW!
I JUST NEED TO MAKE IT TO THOSE TWO, AND IT'LL WORK OUT.
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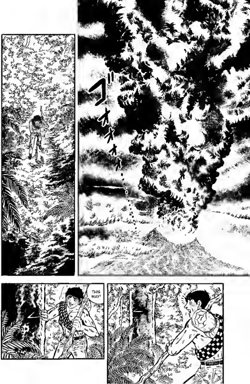
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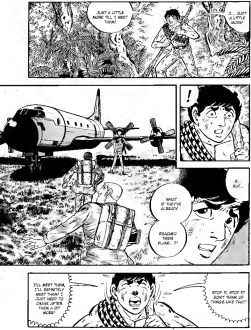
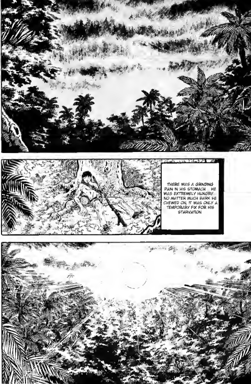
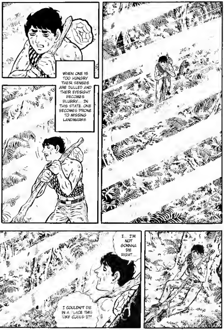
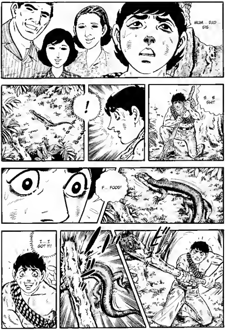
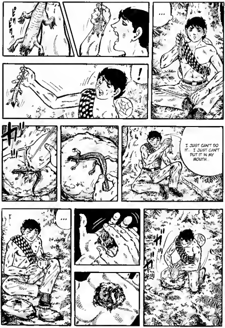
THIS WAY!


J... JUST A LITTLE MORE!
JUST A LITTLE MORE TILL I MEET THEM!
!
B... BUT...
WHAT IF THEY'VE ALREADY...
REACHED THEIR PLANE...?!
STOP IT, STOP IT! DON'T THINK OF THINGS LIKE THAT!
I'LL MEET THEM, I'LL DEFINITELY MEET THEM! I JUST NEED TO CHASE AFTER THEM A BIT MORE!


THERE WAS A GRINDING PAIN IN HIS STOMACH HE WAS EXTREMELY HUNGRY NO MATTER MUCH BARK HE CHEWED ON, IT WAS ONLY A TEMPORARY FIX FOR HIS STARVATION


WHEN ONE IS TOO HUNGRY THEIR SENSES ARE DULLED AND THEIR EYESIGHT BECOMES BLURRY... IN THIS STATE ONE BECOMES PRONE TO MISSING LANDMARKS
I... I'M NOT GONNA DIE RIGHT...
I COULDN'T DIE IN A PLACE THIS LIKE COULD I?!


MUM ... DAD ... SIS
S... S... SHIT
!
F... FOOD!
I... I GOT IT!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I JUST CAN'T DO IT… I JUST CAN'T PUT IT IN MY MOUTH…
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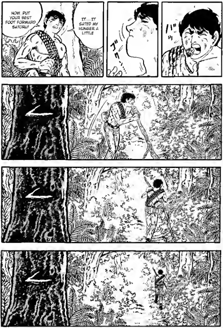
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IT... IT SATED MY HUNGER A LITTLE
NOW PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD SATORU!!

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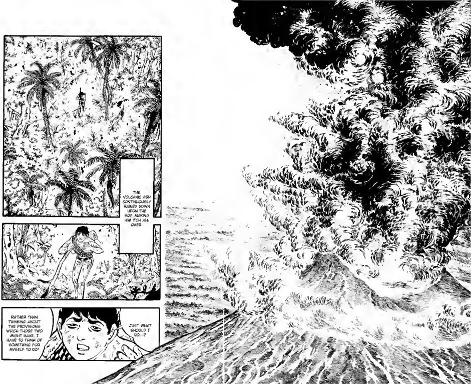
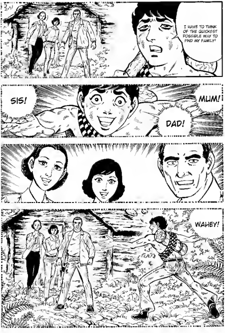
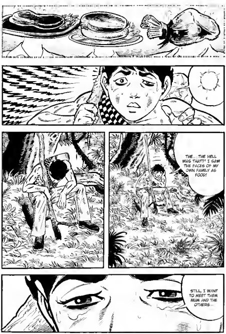
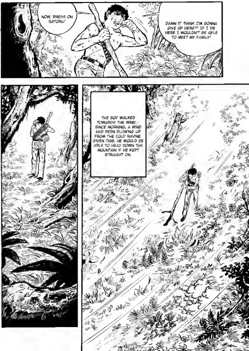
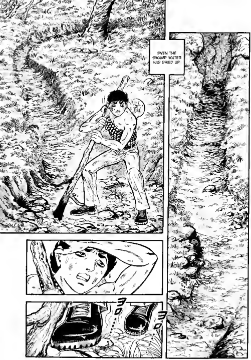

THE VOLCANIC ASH CONTINUOUSLY RAINED DOWN UPON THE BOY, MAKING HIM ITCH ALL OVER
JUST WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
RATHER THAN THINKING ABOUT THE PROVISIONS WHICH THOSE TWO MIGHT HAVE, I HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING FOR MYSELF TO DO!


I HAVE TO THINK OF THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE WAY TO FIND MY FAMILY!
SIS!
MUM!
DAD!
WAHEY!


THE... THE HELL WAS THAT?! I SAW THE FACES OF MY OWN FAMILY AS FOOD!
STILL, I WANT TO MEET THEM MUM AND THE OTHERS...


DAMN IT THINK I'M GONNA GIVE UP HERE?! IF I DIE HERE I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MEET MY FAMILY!
NOW! PRESS ON SATORU!
THE BOY WALKED TOWARDS THE WIND SINCE MORNING, A WIND HAD BEEN BLOWING UP FROM THE COLD RAVINE GIVEN THIS. HE WOULD BE ABLE TO HEAD DOWN THE MOUNTAIN IF HE KEPT STRAIGHT ON.


EVEN THE SWAMP WATER HAD DRIED UP
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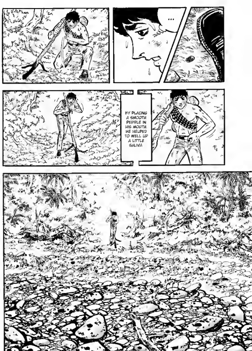
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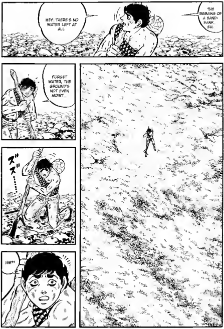
BY PLACING A SMOOTH PEBBLE IN HIS MOUTH HE HELPED TO WELL UP A LITTLE SALIVA


THE REMAINS OF A SAND-BANK, EH
HEY, THERE'S NO WATER LEFT AT ALL
FORGET WATER, THE GROUND'S NOT EVEN MOIST...
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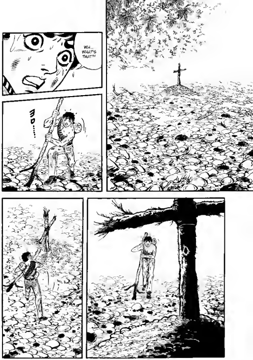
HM?!


WH... WHAT'S THAT?!
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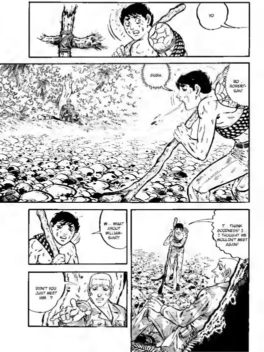
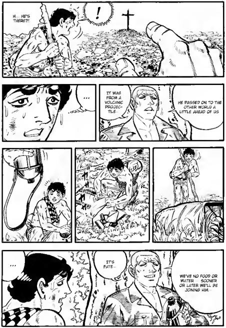
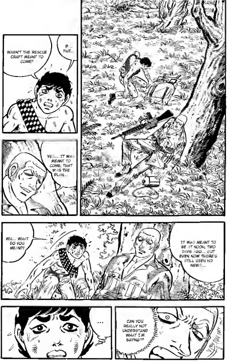
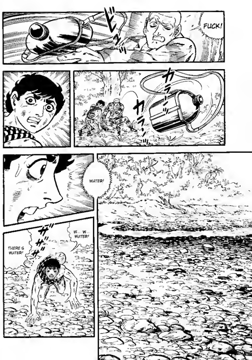

YO
RO ROBERT-SAN!
GUSH.
T... THANK GOODNESS! I... I THOUGHT WE WOULDN'T MEET AGAIN!
W... WHAT ABOUT WILLIAM-SAN?!
DIDN'T YOU JUST MEET HIM ?


H... HE'S THERE?!
!
...
IT WAS FROM A VOLCANIC PROJECTILE.
HE PASSED ON TO THE OTHER WORLD A LITTLE AHEAD OF US.
...
IT'S FATE...
WE'VE NO FOOD OR WATER... SOONER OR LATER WE'LL BE JOINING HIM...


B- BUT.
WASN'T THE RESCUE CRAFT MEANT TO COME?
YES... IT WAS MEANT TO COME. THAT WAS THE PLAN...
WH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
IT WAS MEANT TO BE AT NOON, TWO DAYS AGO... BUT EVEN NOW THERE'S STILL BEEN NO NEWS...
...
CAN YOU REALLY NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?!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WATER!
W... W... WATER!
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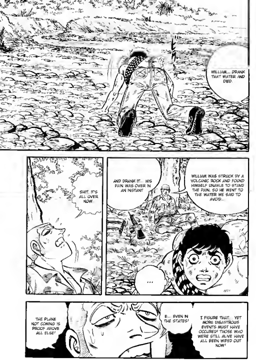
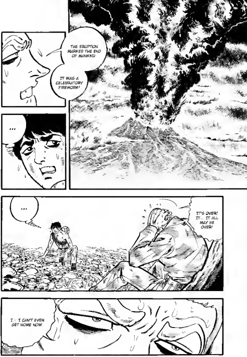
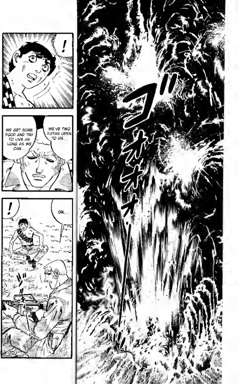
THERE'S WATER!


WILLIAM... DRANK THAT WATER AND DIED.
WILLIAM WAS STRUCK BY A VOLCANIC ROCK AND FOUND HIMSELF UNABLE TO STAND THE PAIN, SO HE WENT TO THE WATER WE SAID TO AVOID...
AND DRANK IT... HIS PAIN WAS OVER IN AN INSTANT
...
SHIT. IT'S ALL OVER NOW.
I FIGURE THAT... YET MORE DISASTROUS EVENTS MUST HAVE OCCURED! THOSE WHO WERE STILL ALIVE HAVE ALL BEEN WIPED OUT NOW!
E... EVEN IN THE STATES!
THE PLANE NOT COMING IS PROOF ABOVE ALL ELSE!


THE ERUPTION MARKED THE END OF MANKIND
IT WAS A CELEBRATORY FIREWORK!
...
IT'S OVER! IT... IT ALL MAY BE OVER!
...
I... I CAN'T EVEN GET HOME NOW.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WE'VE TWO PATHS OPEN TO US...
WE GET SOME FOOD AND TRY TO LIVE AS LONG AS WE CAN
OR...
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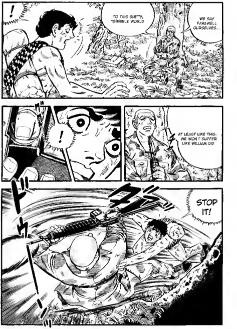
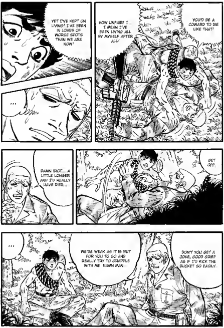
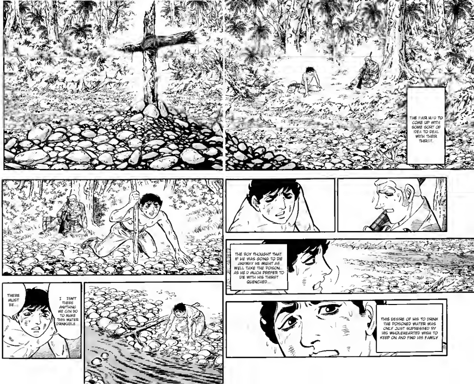
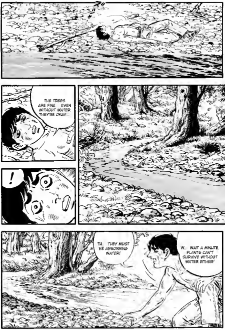
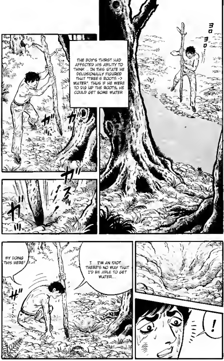

WE SAY FAREWELL OURSELVES...
TO THIS SHITTY, TERRIBLE WORLD
!
AT LEAST LIKE THIS WE WON'T SUFFER LIKE WILLIAM DID
!
STOP IT!


YOU'D BE A COWARD TO DIE LIKE THAT!
HOW UNFAIR! I... I MEAN I'VE BEEN LIVING ALL BY MYSELF AFTER ALL!
YET I'VE KEPT ON LIVING! I'VE BEEN IN LOADS OF WORSE SPOTS THAN WE ARE NOW!
...
GET OFF...
DAMN IDIOT... A LITTLE LONGER AND I'D REALLY HAVE DIED...
DON'T YOU GET A JOKE, GOOD GRIEF AS IF I'D KICK THE BUCKET SO EASILY...
WE'RE WEAK AS IT IS BUT FOR YOU TO GO AND REALLY TRY TO GRAPPLE WITH ME... DAMN MAN...
...


THE PAIR HAD TO COME UP WITH SOME SORT OF IDEA TO DEAL WITH THEIR THIRST.
THE BOY THOUGHT THAT IF HE WAS GOING TO DIE ANYWAY HE MIGHT AS WELL TAKE THE POISON AS HE D MUCH PREFER TO DIE WITH HIS THIRST QUENCHED...
THIS DESIRE OF HIS TO DRINK THE POISONED WATER WAS ONLY JUST SUPRESSED BY HIS WHOLEHEARTED WISH TO KEEP ON AND FIND HIS FAMILY
I ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO MAKE THIS WATER DRINKABLE
THERE MUST BE...


THE TREES ARE FINE EVEN WITHOUT WATER THEY'RE OKAY
!
TH THEY MUST BE ABSORBING WATER!
W WAIT A MINUTE PLANTS CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT WATER EITHER!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THE BOY'S THIRST HAD AFFECTED HIS ABILITY TO THINK ... IN THIS STATE HE DELUSIONALLY FIGURED THAT "TREE'S ROOTS -> WATER". THUS IF HE WERE TO DIG UP THE ROOTS, HE COULD GET SOME WATER
I... I'M AN IDIOT. THERE'S NO WAY THAT I'D BE ABLE TO GET WATER...
BY DOING THIS HERE!
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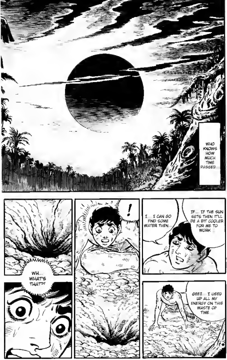
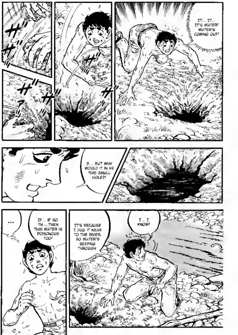

WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH TIME PASSED
IF... IF THE SUN SETS THEN IT'LL BE A BIT COOLER FOR ME TO WORK
I... I CAN GO FIND SOME WATER THEN
GEEZ... I USED UP ALL MY ENERGY ON THIS WASTE OF TIME
!
WH... WHAT'S THAT?!


IT... IT... IT'S WATER! WATER'S COMING OUT!
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B... BUT WHY WOULD IT IN HE THIS SMALL HOLE?!
I... I KNOW!
IT'S BECAUSE I DUG IT NEAR TO THE RIVER, SO WATER'S SEEPING THROUGH
IF... IF SO TH... THEN THIS WATER IS POISONOUS TOO!
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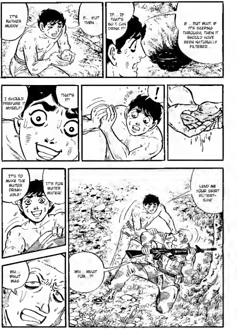
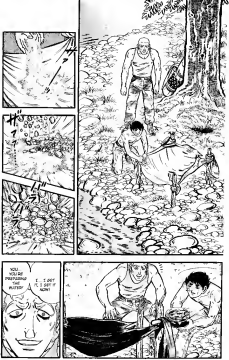

B... BUT WAIT. IF IT'S SEEPING THROUGH, THEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NATURALLY FILTERED...
IF... IF THAT'S SO I CAN DRINK IT!
B... BUT THEN...
IT'S RATHER MUDDY
!
THAT'S IT!
I SHOULD PREPARE IT MYSELF!
LEND ME YOUR SHIRT ROBERT-SAN!
WH... WHAT FOR...?!
IT'S FOR WATER WATER!
IT'S TO MAKE THE WATER DRINK-ABLE!
WH... WHAT WAS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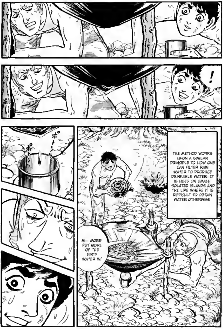
I... I GET IT, I GET IT NOW!
YOU... YOU'RE PREPARING THE WATER!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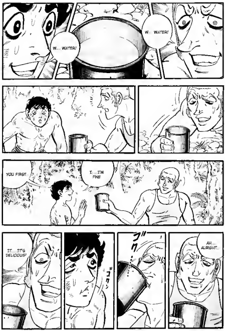
THE METHOD WORKS UPON A SIMILAR PRINCIPLE TO HOW ONE CAN FILTER RAIN WATER TO PRODUCE DRINKABLE WATER. IT IS USED ON SMALL ISOLATED ISLANDS AND THE LIKE WHERE IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN WATER OTHERWISE
M— MORE! PUT MORE OF THE DIRTY WATER IN!


W... WATER!
W... WATER!
I... I'M FINE
YOU FIRST
AH... ALRIGHT...
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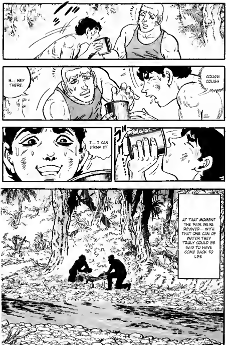
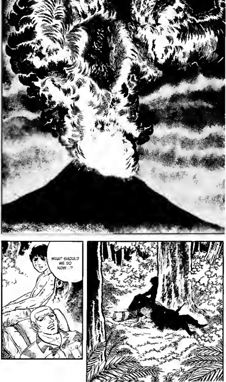
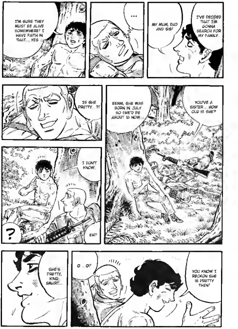
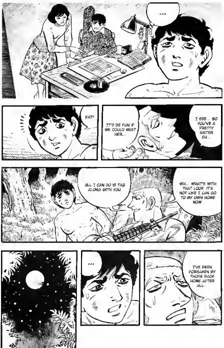
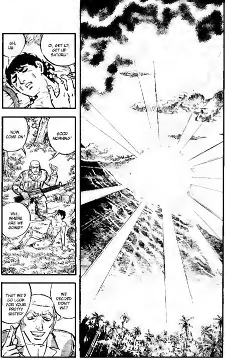
IT... IT'S DELICIOUS!

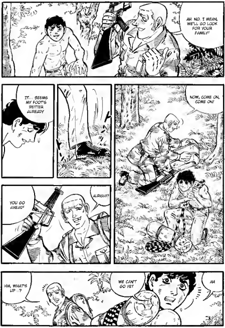

H... HEY THERE...
COUGH COUGH
I... I CAN DRINK IT!
AT THAT MOMENT THE PAIR WERE REVIVED... WITH THAT ONE CAN OF WATER THEY TRULY COULD BE SAID TO HAVE COME BACK TO LIFE

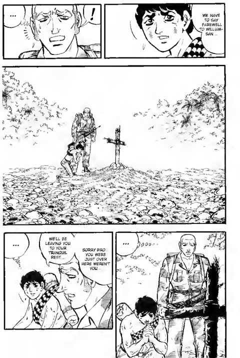

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW ...?


I'VE DECIDED THAT I'M GONNA SEARCH FOR MY FAMILY
MY MUM, DAD AND SIS!
...
I'M SURE THEY MUST BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE! I HAVE FAITH IN THAT... YES
YOU'VE A SISTER... HOW OLD IS SHE?
ERRM, SHE WAS BORN IN JULY SO SHE'D BE ABOUT 15 NOW...
IS SHE PRETTY...?!
I DON'T KNOW...
EH?
?
YOU KNOW I RECKON SHE IS PRETTY THEN!
O... OI!
SHE'S PRETTY, KIND SMART...


...
I SEE... SO YOU'VE A PRETTY SISTER EH...
IT'D BE FUN IF WE COULD MEET HER...
EH?!
WH... WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN GO TO MY OWN HOME NOW
ALL I CAN DO IS TAG ALONG WITH YOU
I'VE BEEN FORSAKEN BY THOSE BACK HOME AFTER ALL
...


OI, GET UP GET UP SATORU!
UH, UH
GOOD MORNING!
NOW, COME ON!
WH WHERE ARE WE GOING?
WE DECIDED DIDN'T WE?
THAT WE'D GO LOOK FOR YOUR PRETTY SISTER!


AH NO. I MEAN, WE'LL GO LOOK FOR YOUR FAMILY!
IT... SEEMS MY FOOT'S BETTER ALREADY
NOW, COME ON, COME ON!
YOU GO AHEAD!
ALRIGHT!
HM, WHAT'S UP...?
WE CAN'T GO YET
AH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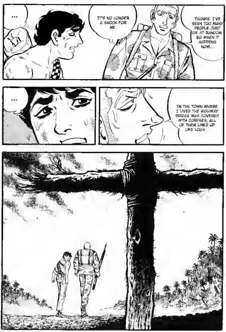
WE HAVE TO SAY FAREWELL TO WILLIAM-SAN ...
...
WE'LL BE LEAVING YOU TO YOUR TRANQUIL REST...
SORRY BRO... YOU WERE JUST OVER HERE WEREN'T YOU...
...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IT'S NO LONGER A SHOCK FOR ME...
THANKS I'VE SEEN TOO MANY PEOPLE JUST DIE AT RANDOM SO WHEN IT HAPPENS NOW...
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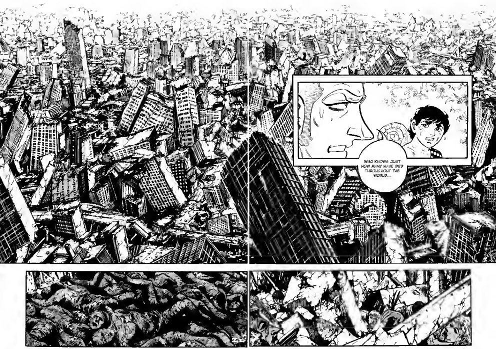
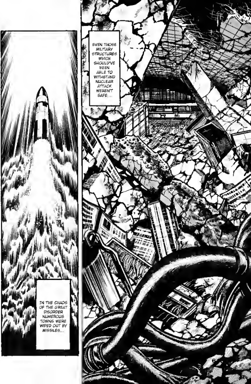
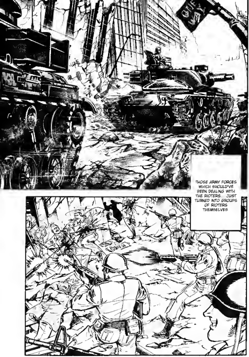
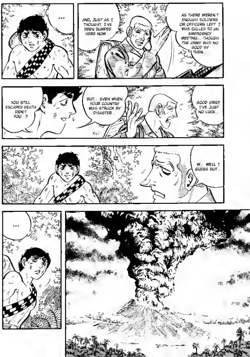
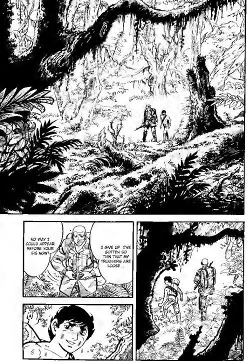
IN THE TOWN WHERE I LIVED THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE WAS COVERED WITH CORPSES, ALL OF THEM LINED UP LIKE LOGS...

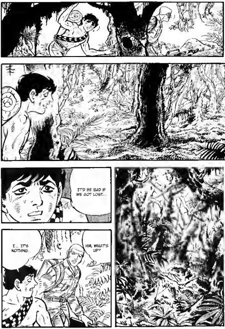

WHO KNOWS JUST HOW MANY HAVE DIED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...

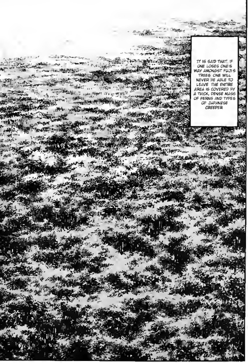

IN THE CHAOS OF THE GREAT DISORDER NUMEROUS TOWNS WERE WIPED OUT BY MISSILES...
EVEN THOSE MILITARY STRUCTURES WHICH SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO WITHSTAND NUCLEAR ATTACK WEREN'T SAFE...


ONE WAY
THOSE ARMY FORCES WHICH SHOULD'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THE RIOTERS JUST TURNED INTO GROUPS OF RIOTERS THEMSELVES


AS THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH SOLDIERS OR OFFICERS LEFT I WAS CALLED TO AN EMERGENCY MEETING... THOUGH THE ARMY WAS NO GOOD BY THEN.
AND, JUST AS I THOUGHT, I'VE BEEN DUMPED HERE NOW.
...
GOOD GRIEF I'VE JUST NO LUCK.
BUT... EVEN WHEN YOUR COUNTRY WAS STRUCK BY DISASTER...
YOU STILL ESCAPED DEATH DIDN'T YOU...?
W... WELL I GUESS BUT...
...


I GIVE UP I'VE GOTTEN SO THIN THAT MY TROUSERS ARE LOOSE
NO WAY I COULD APPEAR BEFORE YOUR SIS NOW!


IT'D BE BAD IF WE GOT LOST...
HM, WHAT'S UP?
I... IT'S NOTHING


IT IS SAID THAT, IF ONE LOSES ONE'S WAY AMONGST FUJI'S TREES, ONE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAVE. THE ENTIRE AREA IS COVERED BY A THICK, DENSE MASS OF FERNS AND TYPES OF JAPANESE CREEPER

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